

Counselor Education

Department Information

- **Graduate Coordinator:**
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- **Department Location:**
Morril Hall 221
- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/ceduc/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/ceduc/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
February 1
- **Credential Offered:**
M.Ed., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 105

The Counselor Education Program welcomes applications from all persons who meet the entrance requirements and highly encourages members of culturally-diverse groups to apply.

All applications for the program are due February 1st. Applications received after February 1st are reviewed on a space-available basis. The requirements for full standing admission include:

- A completed application
- A minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on 10 semester credits of graduate coursework*
- Personal and professional references
- A detailed statement of purpose

Applications can be obtained online at <https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply> (<https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply/>)

*In rare cases, if an applicant does not meet the 3.0 GPA guideline set above, but has between a 2.5 and 3.0 GPA, faculty may consider them for conditional acceptance into the program. In this situation, the applicant must include in the application materials a separate letter explaining the circumstances related to the lower GPA and defining specific measures taken to prepare for current academic success. If faculty members determine the prospective student shows potential as evidenced by their application materials, they will invite them for an interview. If accepted following the interview, they receive conditional acceptance.

Students in conditional standing must then receive a GPA of 3.5 or better for the first 9 semester credit hours, meet disposition requirements, and meet any other conditions set by the Counselor Education faculty. Upon review of the faculty, conditionally accepted students who meet the criteria above receive acceptance; those who do not meet the criteria above will not be permitted to continue in the program.

Financial Assistance

Graduate assistantships are available across campus. Applications are considered on the basis of scholarship, potential to undertake advanced study and research, and financial need. Students must be accepted into the Graduate School before they are eligible for an assistantship.