Frequently Asked Questions about the Counselor Education Program

Question: How many students are accepted into the program?
Answer: The program typically accepts 30-35 applicants per year.

Question: Can I reapply if I am denied admission?
Answer: That decision rests solely with the applicant.

Question: Can I do anything to enhance my chances of acceptance?
Answer: The department has a published set of criteria for admission consideration. The admission criteria are the basis upon which an initial decision for a qualifying interview is made.

Question: Will I have to undergo a preadmission interview?
Answer: It depends. All applicants under consideration may be required to participate in an on-campus interview process as a condition of admission consideration. If so, you will be given ample notice.

Question: How soon will I be notified of my acceptance into the program?
Answer: Applicants are typically notified of their admission status within two weeks of the final decision.

Question: May I make an appointment to discuss my application materials with the admissions committee?
Answer: NO

Question: How long does it take to complete the program?
Answer: A review of our website reveals that the full-time program sequence can be completed within two years.

Question: Can I take courses prior to admission that would count toward my degree?
Answer: Yes. CED 701, CED 735 and EPY 702. Keep in mind, however, that taking these courses will not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Question: What time are classes offered?
Answer. Most of our classes are offered from 4-6:45 and 7-9:45. Some classes are offered as a hybrid and will be offered online and could have some meetings on weekends. Also, some classes are offered entirely online.
Question: Can I complete a practicum or internship out of state?

Answer: NO

Question: Can I take a leave of absence from the program?

Answer: Yes. This decision should be made in consultation with your advisor.

Question: Is your counseling program accredited?

Answer: Yes. The accreditation body for both school counseling and clinical mental health counseling is the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Question: Can I become licensed upon completion of the program?

Answer: Having a counseling degree is a necessary step to gain licensure as a practicing counselor in Nevada. We recommend you contact the licensing board for more specific information.

Question: Is your program better than social work or psychology?

Answer: In general, the training in social work and psychology is very similar to counseling. It should be stated, however, that the faculty are non-judgmental as counseling professionals.