

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING (60 HOURS)
(This degree is also offered in Phoenix, AZ and Yuma, AZ)

Program Description

This degree is designed to prepare professional counselors in community mental health settings as applied general practitioners with a unique educational-developmental orientation to work within social, mental health, and human resource agencies. This program prepares professional counselors, through class room instruction, fieldwork experience, practica and internships, to provide counseling services that are grounded in areas that include: (a) human growth and development, (b) social and cultural foundations, (c) helping relationships, (d) group work, (e) career and lifestyle development, (f) appraisal, (g) research and program evaluation, and (h) professional orientation. Additionally, curricular experiences are provided in (a) foundations of community counseling, (b) contextual dimensions: community counseling, (c) knowledge and skills for the practice of community counseling, and (d) clinical instruction in community counseling. Two important **focus areas** are (a) training professionals to have specialized expertise in rural and ethnocultural areas and (b) developing skills in structuring interagency partnerships to connect at-risk children, youth and families with comprehensive human services to support success in schools. This program meets the coursework requirements for the professional counseling certification of the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners and for national counselor certification of the National Board for Certified Counselors. This degree is a 60 hour program accredited by the **Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)**.

Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity

Faculty and staff of the Department of Educational Psychology at Northern Arizona University actively recruit men and women from culturally and ethnically diverse life experiences and backgrounds. We are seeking students who are interested in collaborating with faculty in serving the needs of an increasingly multicultural society as part of their teaching, research and practice interests. Our programs are designed to provide the highest quality educational experience for all students. Although the admission review process is competitive, program faculty conduct a multifaceted review of each applicant's materials. Consideration is given to each applicant's strengths as a whole person, with no "cut-off" scores for any single criterion.

Northern Arizona University maintains a strong commitment to affirmative action and equal opportunity in our admission, employment, and educational plans and activities. For a complete description of this policy, visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/aio/AcademicCatalog/academiccatalogs.htm>.

Steps in Program Admission

Combined Online Application Process (preferred method)	Separate Graduate College and Department Paper Application Process
1. Complete the online combined (Graduate College and Department) application at www.nau.edu/gradcol .	1. Complete an application form to the NAU Graduate College and submit to: Graduate College, Box 4125, NAU, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-4125 . Applications can be obtained by writing to the same address, or by calling (928) 523-4348.
2. Submit official transcripts from all previous universities attended to: Graduate College, Box 4125, NAU, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-4125 .	2. Submit official transcripts from all previous universities attended to: Graduate College, Box 4125, NAU, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-4125 .
3. Submit 3 form letters of recommendation to the EPS Office at: EPS Dept, Box 5774, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5774 . Recommendation forms can be obtained by writing to the EPS office or by visiting the	3. Complete the department application and 3 form letters of recommendation and submit them to: EPS Dept., Box 5774, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5774 . These materials can be obtained by writing to the

<p>department's website at http://coe.nau.edu/academics/EPS and clicking on Applications</p>	<p>Graduate College, or requesting this information through the Graduate College web site at: www.nau.edu/gradcol/ or by visiting the Educational Psychology Department's website at http://coe.nau.edu/academics/EPS.</p>
<p>4. Have an official report of scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination sent to the Educational Psychology office at EPS Dept., Box 5774, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5774 (Inst. code: 4006, Dept. code: 3403).</p>	<p>4. Have an official report of scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination sent to the Educational Psychology office EPS Dept., Box 5774, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5774 (Inst. code: 4006, Dept. code: 3403).</p>
<p><i>Contact Information</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Graduate College Box 4125, NAU, Flagstaff, AZ 8601-4125. Telephone: (928) 523-4348 E-mail: Graduate.College@nau.edu www.nau.edu/gradcol</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Department of Educational Psychology Box 5774, NAU, Flagstaff, AZ 86011 Telephone: (928) 523-7103 Email: eps@nau.edu www.coe.nau.edu/academics/EPS</p>

Application Deadlines

Flagstaff Location: Completed application files are reviewed and admission decisions are made twice each year for the program. All application materials must be received in the Educational Psychology Department, COE Box 5774, Flagstaff, 86011-5774 by **September 15** or **February 15** to be reviewed and admission notifications to students are made by November 1 or April 1, respectively. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that his or her application file is complete. Incomplete files are not reviewed.

Other Locations: Application deadline dates vary for M.A. Counseling Programs at sites other than Flagstaff. Please contact the Program Coordinator regarding the application deadline for the next cohort. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that his or her application file is complete. Incomplete files are not reviewed. Contact information is as follows:

Phoenix: **Dr. Y. Evie Garcia**, Associate Professor (602) 728-9508 or email: Y.Evie.Garcia@nau.edu

Yuma: **Dr. Pit Kolodinsky**, Assistant Professor (928) 317-6131 or email: Pit.Kolodinsky@nau.edu

Application Review Process

The materials in the applicant file are evaluated by faculty using an objective, multi-criteria system. Points are assigned for each applicant using the following weighted percentages associated with each criteria:

- (a) 50% **Academic Aptitude for Graduate Study** (GRE scores and GPA),
- (b) 15% **Life Experiences** (autobiographical questions),
- (c) 15% **Work Related Experiences** (relevant paid and volunteer work),
- (d) 10% **Potential to Contribute to Profession and Program** (professional activities and letters of recommendation),
- (e) 10% **Goodness of Fit to the Program** (areas of focus congruency, fit to COE mission, and professional characteristics)

Each applicant is ranked within the applicant pool after points have been assigned. Sixteen persons are scheduled to be admitted each year. For the Flagstaff program approximately six individuals are selected in the Fall and these individuals must begin the program during the subsequent Spring semester. Approximately 10 individuals are selected during the Spring semester and they must begin during the subsequent Summer or Fall semesters. Individuals unable to begin during the semesters specified, must re-apply to the program.

Approximately 20 students are admitted into a cohort group. Individuals must begin the program in the semester specified and take coursework as planned for the group. Individuals unable to begin during the semester specified must re-apply to the program.

Prerequisites

Please review the online catalog for selected courses where prerequisites are required. Please check with the department or a faculty advisor if you have questions regarding prerequisites.

Transfer of Credits Policies

The department of Educational Psychology allows credits to transfer through the Graduate College. The number of hours you transfer from other institutions cannot exceed twenty-five percent of the total minimum credit hours required for your Masters degree. Students who have a graduate non-degree standing may apply for twelve hours of appropriate credits taken in non-degree status with the approval of their advisor. For students seeking a second Masters degree, you may apply up to nine hours of your previous Masters work toward your degree. You must meet all program requirements for the second Masters degree and all but nine of the hours must be earned at Northern Arizona University. For specific requirements on transfer credit policies, please visit the Graduate Catalog online at: <http://www4.nau.edu/aio/AcademicCatalog/academiccatalogs.htm>.

Grade Point Average Policies

The department of Educational Psychology adheres to grade point average guidelines established through the Graduate College. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average for all courses previously taken and for all courses required in their program. A grade below C does not earn graduate credit and if you have more than six hours of graduate work with a C or below, you cannot continue in your Masters program. For specific requirements on grade point average policies, please visit the Graduate Catalog online at: <http://www4.nau.edu/aio/AcademicCatalog/academiccatalogs.htm>.

Professional Code of Ethics and Certification Guidelines

Students in this Master's program should follow the professional code of ethics and certification guidelines established by the following organizations:

National Board for Certified Counselors

3-D Terrace Way, Suite D
Greensboro, NC 27403-3660
(910) 547-0607
<http://www.nbcc.org/>

American Counseling Association

5999 Stevenson Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22304
(703) 823-9800
<http://www.counseling.org/>

Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

State of Arizona
1400 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-1882
<http://www.bbhe.state.az.us/>

Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs

5999 Stevenson Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22304
(703) 823-9800, ext. 301
<http://www.counseling.org/cacrep>

For Additional Information Contact:

Educational Psychology Department
College of Education, Box 5774
Flagstaff, AZ 86011
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Fax: (928) 523-9284
email: eps@nau.edu
<http://coe.nau.edu/academics/EPS>

Faculty Contacts

Dr. Ramona Mellott, Professor and Chair (928) 523-6534 or email: Ramona.Mellott@nau.edu
Dr. William E. Martin Jr., Professor (928) 523-6757 or email: William.Martin@nau.edu
Dr. Lakota Lynn Brown, Associate Professor (928) 493-2747 or email: Lakota.Brown@nau.edu
Dr. Tom DeStefano, Professor (928) 523-6302 or email: Thomas.DeStefano@nau.edu
Dr. Joyce DeVoss, Assistant Professor (520) 323-3191 or email: Joyce.Devoss@nau.edu
Dr. Evie Garcia, Associate Professor (602) 728-9510 or email: Y.Evie.Garcia@nau.edu
Dr. Gene Moan, Professor (928) 523-9604 or email: Eugene.Moan@nau.edu
Dr. Ade Santana, Associate Professor (520) 523-0631 or email: Adelaida.Santana@nau.edu
Dr. Tim Thomason, Associate Professor (928) 523-1341 or email: Timothy.Thomason@nau.edu
Dr. Pit Kolodinsky, Assistant Professor (928) 317-6131 or email: Pit.Kolodinsky@nau.edu

Program of Studies Policies

The attached program of study is the agreed upon plan between the student and faculty advisor on completing program requirements. It is used as a verification document when the student applies for graduation. The student should complete the program of study with his or her advisor during the first semester of graduate work. The original, signed program of study should be given to the Department Chair to be placed in the student's file in the Educational Psychology Department and copies should be kept by the student and advisor. Amendments with advisor approval can be made to the program of studies during the student's course of study. The time line policy for completing a Masters degree can be viewed online through the Graduate College Catalog at: <http://www4.nau.edu/aio/AcademicCatalog/academiccatalogs.htm>.



M. A. Counseling (60 credit hours)
(Community Counseling)

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Student's Name _____ NAU ID _____

Advisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

	*Required Courses	Date Taken	Where Taken	Transfer or Equiv. Course
I.	<i>Theoretical Foundations (9 hr. req.)</i>			
	*EPS 591 Personality Adjustment AND.....	_____	_____	_____
	<u>*3 hrs required from 620/621/605</u>			
	PSY 620: Theories of Learning OR.....	_____	_____	_____
	PSY 621: Cognitive Processes OR.....	_____	_____	_____
	EPS 605: Educational Psychology Applied to Learning....	_____	_____	_____
	<u>*3 hrs required from 610/611/612</u>			
	EPS 610: Child Psychology (Recommended EPS 580).....	_____	_____	_____
	EPS 611: Adolescent Psychology (Recommended EPS 580)...	_____	_____	_____
	EPS 612: Adult Psychology (Recommended EPS 580).....	_____	_____	_____
II.	<i>Social/Cultural Foundations (3 hrs. req.)</i>			
	*EPS 690: Multicultural Counseling (Prereq. EPS 601, Coreq. EPS 660)	_____	_____	_____
III.	<i>Research and Statistics (6 hrs. req.)</i>			
	*EPS 625: Intermediate Statistics (Prereq. EPS 525).....	_____	_____	_____
	*EDR 610: Introduction to Research.....	_____	_____	_____
IV.	<i>Counseling Specialization (42 hrs. req.)</i>			
	<i>A. Measurement (6 hrs. req.)</i>			
	*EPS 664: Tests and Measurements (Prereq. EPS 525/Coreq. EPS 625)	_____	_____	_____
	*EPS 737: Psychodiagnostics I (Prereq. EPS 664; EPS 591 or PSY 610).	_____	_____	_____
	<i>B. Counseling (15 hrs. req.)</i>			
	*EPS 592: Community Counseling.....	_____	_____	_____
	*EPS 601: Theories of Counseling.....	_____	_____	_____
	*EPS 620: Vocational Counseling & Career Development....	_____	_____	_____
	*EPS 660: Counseling Processes (Prereq. EPS 601).....	_____	_____	_____
	*EPS 661: Group Processes (Prereq. EPS 660).....	_____	_____	_____
	<i>C. Professional Practice (15 hrs. req.)</i>			
	*EPS 670: Professional Ethics, Legal Standards & Responsibilities...	_____	_____	_____
	EPS 671: Consultation in the Helping Professions.....	_____	_____	_____
	*EPS 680: Assessment and Diagnosis.(prereq./coreq. EPS 664).....	_____	_____	_____
	PSY 683: Psychopathology.....	_____	_____	_____
	*EPS 692: Counseling Practicum (Prereq. EPS 660 & 670).....	_____	_____	_____
	*EPS 694: Master's Internship (6 hrs. , Prereq. EPS 692).....	_____	_____	_____
	(There is a 600 contact hour requirement to complete the internship, EPS 694)			
	<i>D. Electives (6 hrs. req.)</i>			
	EPS 590: Alcohol & Drug Abuse; Treatment & Prevention...	_____	_____	_____
	EPS 621: Marital Coun & Family Systems (Prereq. EPS 601).....	_____	_____	_____
	EPS 622: Child & Adolescent Counseling (Prereq. EPS 601).....	_____	_____	_____
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	Other courses with advisor's consent.			