

**NC State University  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction  
Counselor Education Program**

**M.S. Program Guidelines  
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The M.Ed. program in Counselor Education is primarily designed for preparing practitioners. The M.S. program in Counselor Education prepares professionals who have strong interests in scholarship inquiry and scientific research. Each master's track (school counseling, agency counseling, and student personnel in higher education-college counseling) admits only one M.S. student every year. When more than one applicant is interested in the M.S. program, faculty will make decisions based on students' past academic and research experience, and clarity of research ideas.

The following is a list of guidelines for the M.S. degree.

1. Students interested in pursuing an M.S. degree must state this on their application by selecting an M.S. program (in school counseling, student personnel in higher education-college counseling, or agency counseling) on the Graduate School online application and the Departmental Application Form.
2. Students cannot change from M. Ed. program to M.S. program during the course of study.
3. The M.S. program requires at least three years.
4. M.S. students are required to complete the following courses beyond the 48 credits required for M.Ed. students:
  - ECI 710 Research Applications in Curriculum and Instruction (in place of ST 507)
  - ST 508 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences II or EDP 760 Quantitative Analysis in Education
  - ELP 736 Qualitative Research in Education or equivalent (approved by adviser)
  - ECD 738 Research in Counselor Education
  - ECD 695 Master's Thesis Research in Counselor Education
5. The faculty will determine through discussion who should chair thesis committees based on research focus, current responsibilities, etc.