



**Alabama State University  
Masters Programs  
In Counseling**



# PROGRAM MISSION

- To prepare graduates who perform as professional counselors in either schools or community agencies
- Provide students with a strong framework in counseling theories and techniques
- Provide students with "hands-on" experiences in both practicum and internship
- Students are expected to exhibit a higher level of:
  - Self- awareness
  - Ethical behavior
  - Knowledge of adaptive and maladaptive thought processes
  - Behavior skills to effect positive client change
  - Personal characteristics of caring and empathy for others



## **GOAL**

The Counselor Education Program will create an environment conducive to learning that supports diversity and produces appropriate attitudes, skills, and knowledge needed to become a competent counselor.

## OBJECTIVE

1. Counselor Education students will acquire the knowledge base from the eight core CACREP areas of
  - (1) Professional Orientation and Ethical Practice,
  - (2) Social and Cultural Diversity,
  - (3) Human Growth and Development,
  - (4) Career Development,
  - (5) Helping Relationships,
  - (6) Group Work,
  - (7) Assessment, and
  - (8) Research and Program Evaluation.

## **OBJECTIVE**

2. Counselor Education students will acquire the skills and abilities in relationship to theoretical orientation, therapeutic relationships, and counseling interventions when working with diverse populations.

3. Counselor Education students will exhibit professional identity through professional and ethical conduct.

# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

**M.S.**

**Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

**60 hours**

**M.Ed.**

**School Counseling**

**48-51 hours**

## Required Courses

### M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling

#### Core Courses

COU 501 Introduction to Counseling I  
COU 502 Theories in Counseling  
COU 503 Career Counseling  
COU 504 Theories in Counseling II  
COU 505 Pre-Practicum  
COU 507 Counseling Diverse Populations  
COU 509 Helping Relationships  
COU 514 DSM  
COU 524 Group Counseling  
COU 526 Psychological Testing  
COU 530 Family Counseling  
COU 537 Agency Resources and Placement  
COU 539 Reading and Guidance in Counseling

Foundations

COU 512 Counseling Research  
COU 527 Counseling Across the Lifespan

Supporting Courses

RCOU 511 Foundations of Rehabilitation Counseling  
RCOU 531 Job Development and Placement

Clinical Experience-700 hours total

COU 506 Practicum  
COU 528 Internship  
COU 615 Advanced Internship

**M.Ed. School Counseling**

#### Core Courses

COU 501 Introduction to Counseling  
COU 502 Theories in Counseling I  
COU 503 Career Counseling  
COU 504 Theories in Counseling II  
COU 505 Pre-Practicum  
COU 509 Helping Relationships  
COU 523 Organization and Administration  
COU 524 Group Counseling  
COU 526 Psychological Testing  
COU 538 Elementary School Counseling

Research

COU 512 Counseling Research

Foundations

COU 527 Counseling Across the Lifespan  
EDT 574 Computer Based Instructional Technology

Clinical Experience-700 hours total

COU 506 Practicum  
COU 528 Internship  
COU 615 Advanced Internship

# STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Society

Counselor Education Student Association



# APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a completed application to:

**Murphy School of Graduate Studies**

**P.O. Box 271**

**Montgomery, AL 36101-0271**

**334-229-4275**

Submit a completed application, three reference letters, official transcript(s), and a GRE or MAT test score

**Once students are admitted to the Counselor Education Program students must meet with their advisor each semester**

<https://www.alasu.edu/academics/murphygraduateschool/harold-lloyd-murphy-graduate-school>



# *Where Can You Work with a Degree in Counseling?*



School counselors  
Academic counselors  
Marriage and family counselors  
Career counselors  
Substance abuse counselors  
Mental health counselors  
Rehabilitation Counselor  
Clinical Therapist  
Hospitals  
Residential Care Facilities  
Halfway Houses  
Geriatric-Related Facilities  
VA Medical Hospitals and  
Outpatient Clinics  
Correctional Facilities and/or  
Prisons  
Retail Businesses

The Educational System  
Elementary, middle, and high  
school  
Colleges and Universities  
Religious Institutions  
Public or Private Practice  
Nonprofit or Social Service  
Agencies  
Military Service Personnel  
Counselors  
Corporate Manager  
Genetics Counselor  
College Counselor  
Juvenile Counselor  
Disaster and Emergency  
Specialists  
Case Manager  
Criminologist

Recreational Therapist  
Financial Counselor  
Human Resources Officer  
Chief Executive Officer  
Student Development and Higher  
Education  
Police Officer  
Art Therapist  
Transformational Coach  
Multi-Cultural Counselor  
Employment Assistant Counselor  
Trauma Counselor  
Social Service Counselor  
Child Care Worker  
Customer Service Trainer  
Victims' Advocate  
Congressional Aide  
Director of Volunteer Services  
Spiritual Counselor  
Adolescent Counselor  
Residential Youth Counselor  
Affirmative Action Officer

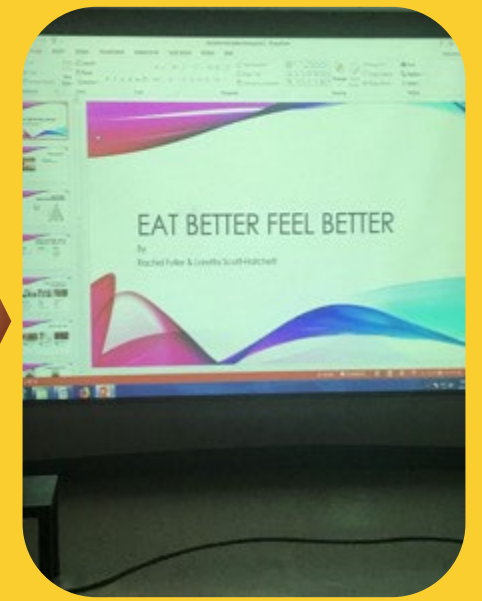
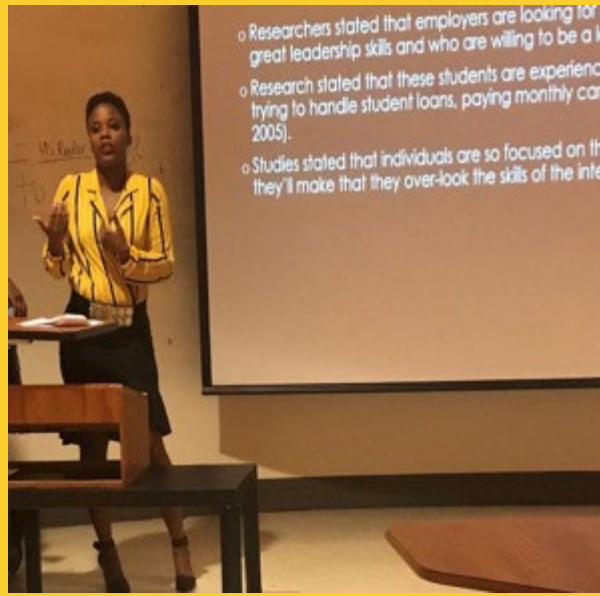
# Why Alabama State University ?

- Small class sizes
- Professors who cares
- Professors who have a wide variety of experiences
- Professors who are known on local and national levels



- Professors who are involved in cutting edge research
- Students who are able to make a difference in the community
- Students are given the opportunity to present at local, state, and national conference(s)

- Student are prepared to take the national certified examination to become licensed professional counselors
- Student are given the opportunity to engage in world class field experiences
- The Counselor Education Program is nationally accredited by CACREP- (Counselor Related Education Program)



# Alabama State University Master of Counselor Education Students in Action



# Excellent Benefits Package - ASU Graduates



- ✓ Excellent communication, organizational, and problem solving skills
- ✓ Computer proficiency
- ✓ Ability to respond calmly and non-judgmentally to others, including to persons in crisis
- ✓ Ability to work with a team while thinking critically; plan and carry out independent work when directed
- ✓ Ability to demonstrate cultural and socioeconomic proficiency
- ✓ Understanding of various counseling modalities used in treating the clinical mentally ill
- ✓ Culturally Competent - Respecting the dignity and humanity of each person in care
- ✓ Proactive and a Self Starter
- ✓ Prepared to take the National Counselor Exam
- ✓ Employment Ready

# Alabama State University Counselor Education Faculty



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