

# COUNSELOR EDUCATION - CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING (EDUCATION SPECIALIST)

## Application Deadlines

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are:

Date	Event
July 1	Fall Admission
November 1	Spring Admission
April 1	Summer Admission

Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

## Application Materials Required for the EdS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Applicants for an Education Specialist (EdS) program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions  
Jacksonville State University  
700 Pelham Road North  
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

Applicants will not be considered for admission until all required documents are received by Graduate Studies.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (<https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from an institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Marriage and Family Counseling, Community Counseling, or a related field.
5. Background check. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check, including Clinical Mental Health Counseling, through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Instructions for completing the background process can be found here (<https://www.jsu.edu/graduate/forms-and-links/student-admissions-forms.html>).
6. Professional resume.
7. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for

success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.

8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/>) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
9. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the program.

## Admission Requirements for the EdS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

## Minimum Requirements for the EdS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

An overall GPA of 3.25 is required on all coursework attempted for the education specialist degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

Any course completed for the master's degree may not be repeated or counted for the EdS degree. Graduate courses at the 400 level will not count as credit towards the EdS degree.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
ECG 634	Advanced Counseling Theories	3
ECG 637	Advanced Career Counseling	3
ECG 691	Action Research Counseling I (to be taken toward the end of the program)	3
ECG 692	Action Research in Counseling II (must be taken in the last semester of enrollment)	3
ECG 646	Advanced Group Procedures in Counseling	3
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
Select fifteen semester hours by advisement from the following:		15
ECG 501	Assessment in Counseling	
ECG 526	Professional Ethics and Legal Issues	
ECG 527	Organization and Administration of Counseling Services	
ECG 528	Introduction to Play Therapy	
ECG 529	Children and Grief	
ECG 530	Couple, Marriage and Family Counseling	
ECG 535	Rehabilitation Counseling	
ECG 540	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of DSM Disorders	
ECG 559	Geriatric Counseling	
ECG 560	Substance and Behavioral Addictions in Counseling	
ECG 565	Psychopharmacology	
ECG 588	Crisis Counseling Intervention Strategies	
ECG 589	Psychological First Aid & Disaster Counseling	
ECG 593	Internship in School Counseling	
ECG 594	Internship in School Counseling	

ECG 655	Holistic Counseling: Spirit, Soul and Body
ECG 693	Supervision in Counseling
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning
EFD 615	Leadership in Education
SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>30</b>

**30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

## **Graduation and Comprehensive Exam**

A comprehensive exam is required for this degree; please see the graduate advisor for full details. All students must apply for graduation (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>) by the given deadline of the semester (<http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.