

PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

**PROGRAM GUIDE**  
**Ed.S. in Counseling**

The Ed.S. Degree in Counseling is an advanced graduate counseling degree designed to allow professionally trained mental health practitioners to re-specialize or further specialize within the discipline of professional counseling. The program requires prior completion of the master's degree in counseling (or its equivalent) and requires the completion of 30 (Option I) to 32 (Option II) semester hours of coursework, including a 15 semester hour core and 15-17 semester hours of electives in a specialty in counseling. (Option I requires completion of an Ed.S. level thesis.)

<u>Required Core</u>	<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
PSYCH 910 Advanced Counseling Theories	3
PSYCH 912 Advanced Counseling Practicum	3
PSYCH 931 Advanced Supervision in Counseling and Psychotherapy	3
SSLS 930 Seminar in Research Skills <u>or</u>	
PSYCH 906 Special Investigation (Research Topic) <u>or</u>	
PSYCH 990 Special Research Project (Required for Option I)*	3
PSYCH 995 Internship: (Counseling)	3
<u>Electives</u>	
At least 15 hours (17 hours for Option II) of specialty coursework in Psychology and Counseling, tailored to the student's interests, at least 6 of which must be numbered 800 or above.	<u>15-17</u>
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS</b>	<b>30-32</b>

Students may choose to specialize by completing elective courses in community counseling, elementary or secondary school counseling, family counseling, or other specialty areas.

For All Ed.S. in Counseling Students:

1. Ed.S. students must have completed all of the requirements in the PSU Clinical Mental Health Counseling or School Counseling program or their equivalents before being granted an Ed.S. degree. PSYCH 831 under the supervision of the 819 Techniques instructor is always the first required course in the supervision course sequence before other supervision courses may be taken. PSYCH 831 is a prerequisite for PSYCH 931.
2. All Ed.S. students will be required to complete at least one graded three-credit hour seat course (e.g., 724, 736, 741, 756, 761, 781, 782, 805, 808, 811, 809, 844, 803, 823, 830).
3. It is strongly recommended that all Ed.S. students complete at least three credit hours of summer short courses (workshops) as part of their programs to provide them with additional specialty knowledge and skills.
4. Attendance at at least one state, regional, national, or international counseling convention will be required of all Ed.S. students.

For Clinical Mental Health Counseling Ed.S. in Counseling Students:

All Clinical Mental Health Counseling Ed.S. students will be required to complete at least 6 hours of supervision courses, three credit hours of 831 or 931 under the 819 instructor working with 819 or 822-895 and three credit hours of 931 working under the Truancy Diversion Director supervising students in the Truancy Diversion program. Both PSYCH 831 and PSYCH 931 may be repeated for credit. Additional semesters of advanced supervision experience may be completed under a counseling faculty member. A maximum of 12 credit hours of supervision may be counted toward a graduate degree.