

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What does it take to get admitted into the counselor education program?
  - 3.0 undergraduate gpa
  - GRE or MAT scores
  - 3 letters of recommendation
  - Application and fee
  - Interview session
  - General Knowledge test scores *if applying to the school counseling program*
  
2. I already have a master's degree in an unrelated field do I need to send in all the information from question #1?
  - Not necessarily. You will need to send in the transcripts from your master's degree, the application and fee. Additionally, you will need to participate in the interview session.
  
3. I took the GRE and/or MAT test 8 years ago, will those scores count?
  - Yes. Test scores are valid; however, Educational Testing Service (ETS) will not have record of scores older than 5 years.
  
4. May I take classes before being formally admitted in the program?
  - Yes. You may take up to six credits before being formally admitted into the program. The courses you take will count toward your degree program.
  
5. I have a master's degree in counseling but need coursework for licensure, may I take classes?
  - Yes. You are able to take courses for licensure however practicum and internship are not included. Additionally, you must send in your transcripts, along with the application and fee.
  
6. If studying in the Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling program, may I also study to become a School Counselor?

- Yes. Fully admitted students are able to receive an endorsement in one (or all) of the programs offered. They must take the required coursework, in addition to obtaining the hours necessary for practicum and internship.

7. I teach in the local school district, is there a discount offered?

- Yes. For individuals who work for the public school district or a non-profit agency, a tuition discount is available. It is your responsibility to fill out the necessary paperwork each semester.

8. What if I have a master's degree in counseling but only need a practicum and internship, will I be allowed to enroll?

- It will be necessary for you to contact the Program Coordinator of the program to discuss your particular circumstance. Normally, students are not allowed to only register for and take a practicum/internship unless they are a fully admitted student in the program.

9. How do I become a licensed mental health counselor (LMHC); licensed marriage & family therapist (LMFT), or certified school counselor?

- For individuals who want to pursue careers as either a mental health counselor or marriage & family therapist, you will need to complete the counselor education program; register as an intern upon graduation; identify a qualified supervisor; register for and take the licensure exam; accrue your 2,000 post-master's degree hours under supervision.
- For individuals who want to pursue a career as a school counselor and are a certified teacher in the state of Florida, you will need to complete the counselor education program and take the subject area competency exam in school counseling prior to graduation. For individuals who are not certified to teach in the state of Florida, you will need to complete the counselor education program, finish the education courses required, and take the professional education certification exam as well as the subject area competency exam in school counseling prior to graduation.

10. How many hours are the practicum and internship experiences? Will I be allowed to work?

- The practicum for the marriage, couple and family counseling program and school counseling program is 100 hours.
- The practicum for the clinical mental health counseling program is 200 hours.
- Internship I for the marriage, couple and family counseling program and school counseling program is 300 hours.
- Internship I for the clinical mental health counseling program is 400 hours.
- Internship II for the marriage, couple and family counseling program and school counseling program is 300 hours.
- Internship II for the clinical mental health counseling program is 400 hours.
- Total number of hours for the MCFC and SC program = 700 hours
- Total numbers of hours for the CMHC program = 1000 hours
- It is possible to work, however the practicum and internship particularly for the mental health degree is similar to a part-time (20 hour/week) job.

11. What do I need in order to graduate from the counselor education program?

- A gpa of at least a 3.0
- Successful completion of the practicum and internship
- Successful defense of the portfolio (written and oral)
- Passing scores on the CPCE exam

12. Will you help me obtain employment?

- We are happy to write letters of reference for students. Additionally, Stetson offers students assistance in obtaining employment through the [Career Services Office](#)