

# Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, Counseling/School Psychology

Fall 2009 Admission

## COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.Ed) MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.)

The Master of Education/Master of Science programs in the Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, Counseling/School Psychology are designed to prepare competent counselors and educators for work in community agency and educational settings. Specific areas of specialization offered by the Department for the master's degree programs are the following:

*Counseling/Community Agency and School Counseling K-12.*

Programs at the master's degree level in community and school have been accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The program in School Counseling leads to Class A certification in Alabama for those students who meet all requirements and are approved by the State of Alabama Department of Education. In addition, the program in School Counseling is approved by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The master's degree programs (M.Ed. or M.S.) on the average consist of 48 semester hours of study, with students engaging in full-time study, taking a minimum of six semesters to complete the program. Each program is individually designed according to the published Program of Study Worksheet for the student's particular area of specialization; worksheets for each area of specialization are available in the student handbook. Those students pursuing the M.S. degree are required to complete a thesis and additional course work if needed. Supervised counseling experiences required of all master's degree students included a counseling practicum and internship, in which students are placed in settings comparable with their professional interest and objectives.

### ADMISSION

All applicants for admission to graduate degree programs in the Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, Counseling/School Psychology must submit a satisfactory undergraduate grade point average and satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Exam relevant to success in graduate counselor education. Congruence between applicants' indicated professional goals and programs offered in the department are also considered. Personal interviews are desirable. Applicants for master's degree programs are **admitted only Fall semester. The deadline for applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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