Post-Master’s Licensure Preparation Programs

Pennsylvania Act 136 of 1998 provides for the licensure of professional counselors. Act 136 requires the completion of a planned program of study consisting of 60 semester hours of graduate course work in counseling or a closely related field, including a 48-semester hour master’s degree in counseling or a closely related area. For more information on Pennsylvania licensure you may access [http://www.pacounseling.org](http://www.pacounseling.org).

Edinboro offers a post-master’s program that gives graduates with a master’s in Counseling or closely related field the opportunity to earn additional credit hours to reach the minimum 60 credits* required for licensure. The program is designed with a commitment to education and training that will provide the skills and confidence needed for students to become competent and ethical professional counselors. Applicants must request a transcript audit from the Counseling Licensure Board. This document will be reviewed by the program head and appropriate courses will be suggested.

*Candidates seeking licensure from a state other than Pennsylvania should follow the procedures required by that specific state.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURES**

- Visit the Graduate School webpage and click the “Apply” link on the left side of the screen.
- Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the “account” link on the Apply page.

CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email help@collegenet.com.

**Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:**

1. Complete the online application.
2. Pay an application fee of $30.
3. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate and master’s degree in counseling or a closely related area (e.g., clinical psychology) from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
4. Board review documentation outlining courses required for licensure.
5. Recent resume.
6. An admissions interview may be required.

**CURRICULUM**

Below are examples of courses that may be required:

- COUN 700 Introduction to the Helping Professions; OR
- COUN 702 Introduction to Rehabilitation Counseling; OR
- COUN 704 Introduction to Community Counseling
- COUN 705 Group Processes
- COUN 710 Appraisal Techniques
- COUN 712 Lifespan Development
- COUN 715 Career Counseling
- COUN 730 Supervised Counseling Practice
- COUN 735 Practicum AND/OR COUN 795 Internship in Counseling*
- COUN 745 Multicultural Counseling
- COUN 794 Research in Counseling OR EDUC 788 Research in Education

*All internship courses, whether in an online or campus-based program, will be charged at the on-campus rate.
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It is strongly recommended that the applicant request a transcript audit from the Counseling Licensure Board. Based on this audit, the student’s advisor may waive some of these courses. An appointment (in person, via Zoom, by phone, or by email) with the advisor should be held as soon as possible to develop a plan of study.

For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University’s School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

Office for Accessibility Services: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Accessibility Services (OAS), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the OAS web page.

Graduate Assistantships: Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

Financial Aid Considerations: An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to $20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or finaid@edinboro.edu.

Employer Reimbursement: Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar’s Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

Veterans’ Education Benefits: Information and printable forms regarding Veterans’ Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, http://www.gibill.va.gov/. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student’s eligibility, and after the school certifies the student’s enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.