

COUNSELING, MS

ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 5
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

Admission to the program is highly competitive. Approximately 150 master's applications are received each year, and the department enrolls 10–12 new master's students per year. The Department of Counseling Psychology accepts applications for fall enrollment between early September and the fall deadline listed above for the MS in Counseling program. **There is no option for spring or summer initial enrollment in the department.** The applicant is responsible for collecting, assembling, and submitting all the pieces of the application by the fall deadline. Applicants must upload materials to the online application.

REQUIREMENTS

In addition to acquired academic competencies and counseling skills, the counseling profession requires a high level of ethical behavior, self-awareness and personal maturity. All are considered in assessing a student's fitness for a career as a professional counselor. The applicant will be expected to meet minimum requirements for admission set by the Graduate School. Department requirements are more rigorous. An undergraduate degree is required for the master's program.

Prerequisite

Applicants should have 3 credit hours of introductory psychology and 3 credit hours in statistics **or** measurement/psychometrics/test construction. If the applicant has not completed the necessary requirements at the time of application, he or she may be admitted with deficiencies and complete the coursework in addition to the program requirements. Prior volunteer or paid work experience in community agencies is important for placement in community agencies for practicum.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Several informational meetings are hosted each fall by the department. A schedule of these meetings and other information can be found on the Information for Prospective MS Applicants (<http://counselingpsych.education.wisc.edu/cp/masters-program/ms-application/>) page.

Questions can be directed to the Student Services Coordinator. See the People tab (p.) for contact information.