

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Advanced Official Certificate Program



Central to Advancing Your Influential Career.

Central's Advanced Official Certificate Program (AOCP) in Professional Counseling is specially designed for eligible individuals who already hold a master's degree in counseling/ counselor education, marriage & family therapy, psychology, or social work, and are seeking additional counseling-related courses to fulfill graduate level coursework requirements for Connecticut's professional counselor licensure (LPC-A or LPC), Connecticut's school counselor certification (#068), or national certification as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC).

A certificate in advanced graduate work in Professional Counseling is issued upon completion (with a grade of B or better) in combination of up to 30 credits of 500-level courses selected from those designed for the certificate program.

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- Up to 30-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Classes available evenings
- Financial aid is available
- No GMAT/GRE required



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What You'll Gain

- A personalized program of study designed to allow you to complete the necessary coursework you need to meet counselor licensure or certification requirements
- Work with an assigned faculty advisor to develop a course sequencing plan that may include practicum and internship fieldwork in clinical counseling –as required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health for the LPC-A/LPC and the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification for the CRC –or in a school-based setting as required by Connecticut's certification requirements for school counselors (#068)
- Coursework content that assists students with preparation for National Counselor Examination (NCE), the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE), or the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) examination

Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
 - Three current professional recommendations
 - Written essay - describing your motivation for advanced graduate study, past experience, and future professional goals
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (GPA of 3.00 or higher)
 - Master's degree in counseling, psychology, MFT, social work, or related field with an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher
 - \$50 application fee
3. Evidence of a *completed Licensed Professional Counselor-Associate (LPC-A) or a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) application has been submitted to the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH), resulting in CT DPH identifying the required graduate level coursework related to the discipline of counseling that is yet to be completed to meet the LCP-A or LPC course of study requirements.
 - NOTE: Advanced Official Certificate Program (AOCP) applicants are exempt from *this AOCPP application criterion if you (a) graduated from Central's school counseling M.S. program in 2020 and beyond or (b) if you hold a master's degree but are seeking AOCPP admission for consideration of completing school counseling-related graduate level coursework to meet the Connecticut State Board of Education's Certification Requirements for School Counselors (#068).
4. Interview with program faculty

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Davidson Hall 116
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

