



Central to Empowering Youth.

Central's MS in Counselor Education with a concentration in School Counseling prepares you to assist school-aged children to reach their full academic, social/emotional, and college/career potential. Your training will include identifying and supporting students in need of targeted and intensive intervention, planning school wide universal prevention activities, and working cooperatively with multi-disciplinary teams, teachers, parents, and administrators.

School counselors serve as change agents and leaders who help to create equitable and culturally sustaining systems in schools. Graduates from our program are well prepared to meet the challenges of supporting mental health in schools.

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 60- to 63-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Flexible class schedule, helpful for working adults
- Internship opportunities
- Access to state-of-the-art clinical counseling laboratory
- Financial aid is available
- Dual track (Licensed Professional Counseling - LPCA) available



Accredited by The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program (CACREP) and meets licensing standards of the Connecticut State Department of Education.



What You'll Gain

- Ability to communicate with children in a way that makes them feel safe and valued
- Tools to recognize and address crisis and trauma, as well as its impact on academic, social, and emotional health and learning now and in the future
- Understanding of school counselor roles and responsibilities in relation to school emergency management plans, crises, disasters, and traumas
- Commitment to equity, social justice, and building culturally sustaining systems in schools
- Skills to collaborate and consult with teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and community-based organizations in recognizing and meeting the unique needs of students
- Ability to design and evaluate school counseling programs and advocate for the psychological, emotional, and social needs of students
- Facility with multiple data collection and analysis methods to ensure accountability and promote equity in school counseling practices
- Knowledge of current ethical and legal codes and responsibilities



DID YOU KNOW?

Central's program has a 100% employment rate within 6 months of graduation.

Employment of school and career counselors and advisors is projected to grow 11% from 2020 to 2030, faster than the average for all occupations.

Source: bls.gov

Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
 - Three letters of recommendation attesting to your suitability as a prospective counselor
 - Essay describing your:
 - Reasons for entering the profession
 - Experiences that influenced your decision
 - Personal characteristics you believe will contribute to your success
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (GPA of 2.7 or higher)

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
Central Welcome Center
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

NOTE: Because admission to the Master of Science in Counselor Education: School Counseling is a highly competitive process, meeting the minimum graduate and program specific application criteria and requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program



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).

