CERTIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELOR (RANK1)

Rank 1 Program for Certified School Counselor
Unit: College of Education and Human Development (http://louisville.edu/education/) (GE)
Department: Counseling and Human Development (http://louisville.edu/education/departments/ecpy/)

Program Website (http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/rank/)
Academic Plan Code(s): CPS_RK1CSC

Program Information

Rank 1 programs are not academic degree programs.

Rank 1 programs are planned graduate-level programs designed for Kentucky educators seeking rank change for salary purposes. They are recognized only in the state of Kentucky. By state regulation, Rank 1 status is 60 credit hours of approved graduate credit, including a master's degree.

Admission Requirements

Graduates of the University of Louisville MEd in Counseling and Personnel Services program, with a concentration School Guidance Counseling, are eligible to pursue this Rank 1 program.

Candidates who have completed a master's degree in School Guidance Counseling from other institutions must provide documentation, before applying for admission, that they have completed the requirements leading to the provisional and standard certificates in Kentucky.

Students may apply to the program by first going to the Graduate School (http://louisville.edu/graduate/apply/) website. Admission requirements include the following credentials:

- Official transcripts with a GPA of 2.75 in the bachelor's degree and a GPA of 3.0 in the master's degree
- Kentucky certification as a School Counselor
- For international students, TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo (students holding a baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution in the U.S. are exempt from this requirement.)

Applicants who have attended a college or university outside of the United States are also required to submit an evaluation of their transcript through either WES (World Education Services) (http://wes.org/) or ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators) (http://ece.org/). Please note that transcript evaluations can sometimes take several weeks.

Please have transcripts sent to the Graduate School (http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/).

If transcripts are sent electronically, please have them sent to the following email: gradadm@louisville.edu

Please contact the College of Education and Human Development Graduate Student Services for more information at (502) 852-2628.

Rank 1 Program in Certified School Counseling (P-12)

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Advocacy (Professional Leader)

Leadership

Select one of the following:

- EC 605 Human Development
- EC 611 Learning Systems: Theory and Practice
- EC 640 Assessment Methods for Counselors
- ED 677 Developing Collaborative Groups: Facilitating, Coaching and Mentoring
- EC 660 Group Process and Practice
- EC 730 Social, Legal & Ethical Issues in Counseling

Diversity

Select one of the following:

- ED 637 Using Assessment to Improve Student Achievement
- ED 638 Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners
- ED 642 Literacy Learning and Cultural Differences
- EDSP 581 Introduction to Gifted Education
- EC 663 Multicultural and Diversity Issues

Area of Emphasis

Select at least 12 credit hours; may be chosen from courses above that are NOT taken to meet the Advocacy requirement

Electives

Select 9 credit hours from the following:

- ED 585 Introduction to Educational Technology; Integrating Technology into Instruction
- EC 601 Introduction to Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- EC 621 Differential Diagnosis and Treatment in Counseling
- EC 639 Prevention & Treatment of Substance Use Disorders
- EC 694 Graduate Seminar in Educational and Counseling Psychology
- EC 721 Advanced Counseling Seminar
- EDSP 540 Introduction to Exceptional Children
- ED 644 Applied Behavior Analysis
- EC 697 Topical Seminar in College Student Personnel Services (Topic must be approved by advisor)
- MSSW 633 Social Work and Human Sexuality
- MSSW 636 Advanced Death & Grief
- MSSW 659 Introduction to Family Therapy Practice
- MSSW 661 Special Issues in Alcohol and Drug Counseling
- MSSW 662 Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders
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| Prior Master’s degree in School Counseling | 30 |
| Minimum Total Hours | 60 |

**Exit Requirement**

A portfolio is required for successful completion of this program.

**Notes**

a. The candidate for Rank 1 should hold a School Counseling certificate and a master’s degree in School Counseling which includes the requirements leading to both provisional and standard licensure.

b. The Rank 1 classification shall require the completion of 60 credit hours of approved graduate level credit including a master’s degree.

c. Candidates will plan the Rank 1 program in consultation with a faculty advisor in the ECPY Department prior to enrolling in Rank 1 courses.

d. Of the total number of credit hours on the Rank 1 program, at least 15 credit hours beyond the master’s degree must be taken at the University of Louisville. The remaining credit hours may be taken at the University of Louisville, or upon approval of the faculty advisor, at other institutions. There is no stipulation as to recency of completion of Rank 1 credit.

e. All coursework for Rank 1 must carry graduate credit, and no less than half must be earned in courses open only to graduate students.

f. An academic average of 3.0 is required on the course hours submitted for Rank 1, and no credit will be accepted for courses carrying a grade lower than C.

g. The resulting School Counseling certification will include grades P-12.

h. A portfolio is required for successful completion of this program.

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1 Independent Study or Directed Readings may be included as approved by faculty advisor; also courses in the Advocacy section may be used here as long as they have NOT been taken in the Advocacy or Area of Emphasis sections

2 If the master’s degree is more than 30 credit hours, the number of credit hours a student needs to complete Rank 1 may be fewer than 30 additional credit hours.