

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

## Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

UGPC APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

UFS APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

CATALOG \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: COUNSELOR EDUCATION

COLLEGE: EDUCATION

PROGRAM NAME:

COMBINED M.Ed./Ed.S

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

FALL 2016

**PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:**

THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION at Florida Atlantic University has sought to be innovative in the training of its students, and prepare them for success in the workforce. We were one of the only programs to move to a competency-based training approach. We recently incorporated new coursework in Trauma and Evidence Based Practice into our students' plans of study. Now we wish to provide a pathway for students to obtain advanced training for skills in areas like supervision, couples and family therapy (among others).

In order to capitalize on this, and allow for a seamless process for students, the faculty in the Department of Counselor Education are requesting a joint M.Ed./Ed.S. option, at application, so that students can plan their course of study in a logical fashion. It would merely pair our existing 60-hour masters program with our education specialist program. This would also be in keeping with other counseling programs at the state's flagship institutions, the University of Florida and Florida State University (both of which have a 72 hour combined programs).

Students enrolled in this program would only have to apply once, but would be eligible to graduate with their masters degree once they have reached 60 credit hours. Then, once they have completed their 72 hours of coursework, they would receive their Specialist in Education degree.

Faculty contact, email and complete phone number:

 Paul R Peluso, [ppeluso@fau.edu](mailto:ppeluso@fau.edu), 7-3602

Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments

N/A.

**Approved by:**

 Department Chair: Paul R. Peluso

 College Curriculum Chair: Paul R. Peluso

 College Dean: Valerie J. Bristle

UGPC Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate College Dean: \_\_\_\_\_

UFS President: \_\_\_\_\_

Provost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**
3/1/16
3/16/16
3/22/16

Email this form and syllabus to [UGPC@fau.edu](mailto:UGPC@fau.edu) **one week before** the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

## REVISED CATALOG LANGUAGE- (from Preliminary 2016-2017 University Catalog)

### Counselor Education

#### Faculty:

Peluso, P. R., Chair; Brigman, G. A.; Emilianchik-Key, K.; Frain, M.; Gill, C.; Mariani, M.; Sperry, L.; Villares, E.

### Mission Statement

Counselor Education's mission is to educate a diverse community of students for professional counseling practice and leadership in local, national and international domains. Mindful that education extends beyond coursework, faculty and students collaborate with schools, communities, agencies and professionals to conduct research and provide services. The research and services are provided with the highest ethical and professional standards in response to the personal, educational and vocational needs of individuals and families living in diverse and multicultural environments. Faculty aspire to uncover new knowledge and relevant research, create dynamic atmospheres for learning and encourage students to actualize their potential, all with the goal of achieving just solutions to human concerns.

### Degree Programs Available

At the undergraduate level, the Department of Counselor Education offers developmental courses that give students considering the field a realistic and comprehensive view of counselors and what they do. The department also offers a certificate in Applied Mental Health Services in conjunction with the Department of Psychology in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. This certificate program provides a curricular experience for students who wish to pursue careers in clinical psychology, mental health counseling and allied human services that enhances the student's chosen major. Certificate details and program requirements are listed under the [Department of Psychology](#) in the College of Science catalog section.

At the graduate level, Counselor Education offers a Master of Education (M.Ed.) with major in Counselor Education and three concentrations, **a combined Masters of Education (M.Ed.) and Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) with major in Counselor Education and three concentrations** and a Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) with major in Counselor Education with two concentrations. A Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with major in Counseling is also part of this department's offerings.

### Master of Education with Major in Counselor Education/**Combined Masters of Education (M.Ed.) and Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) with major in Counselor Education**

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) with major in Counselor Education **and the Combined Masters of Education (M.Ed.) and Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) with major in Counselor Education** may be structured with a Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling or School Counseling concentration. Note that admission requirements differ for these concentrations.

### Admission Requirements

1. The student must meet College and University requirements.

2. The student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in the last 60 credits of undergraduate study prior to receiving the bachelor's degree and must submit official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.
3. The student must provide a professional goal statement (one-to-two pages) along with a separate page describing the student's work experience related to counseling and three letters of recommendation on each reference's letterhead attesting to the student's suitability for graduate study and entry into the field of professional counseling.
4. Admissions are made twice each year on a competitive basis, except for Clinical Mental Health Counseling, which accepts applicants for the fall semester only.
5. Students should contact the department for specific application procedures and deadlines.
6. All application materials must be received no later than January 15 for fall admission and September 15 for spring admission.
7. The student may take no more than 18 graduate credits from FAU toward the degree prior to admission to the master's degree program in Counselor Education.
8. Permission from a full-time faculty member is required for each course.

#### Admission to Candidacy

See Admission to Candidacy heading listed under Master's Degree Program Information.

#### Degree Requirements

1. The student must satisfy College and University requirements.
2. The student may use MHS 6710 to satisfy the College research core requirement.
3. The student must complete a minimum 60-credit program of study for Masters's Degree, and complete a minimum 72-credit program for the combined M.Ed./Ed.S. program.

**From:** Michael Brady mbrady@fau.edu  
**Subject:** RE: Combined MED/EDS Program- Counselor Ed  
**Date:** March 1, 2016 at 1:25 PM  
**To:** Paul Peluso ppeluso@fau.edu



This program change does not affect courses or program in the ESE Department. Good luck!

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-Paul



**From:** Emery Hyslop-Margison ehyslopmargison@fau.edu  
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**Date:** March 1, 2016 at 1:24 PM  
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CCEI has no conflict.

Dr. Emery J. Hyslop-Margison

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**Subject:** RE: Combined MED/EDS Program- Counselor Ed  
**Date:** March 1, 2016 at 1:37 PM  
**To:** Paul Peluso ppeluso@fau.edu

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Teaching and Learning has no conflicts.

Good luck!

Barbara

Barbara R. Ridener, Ph.D.  
Chair and Associate Professor  
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No conflict with EDLRM. RS

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**From:** Michael Whitehurst whitehur@fau.edu  
**Subject:** RE: Combined MED/EDS Program- Counselor Ed  
**Date:** March 1, 2016 at 2:45 PM  
**To:** Paul Peluso ppeluso@fau.edu

Paul,  
No conflict for ESHP.  
Mike

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Dear Dr. Peluso,

I do not see any conflict with the graduate program in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

With best regards,  
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 "I have heard there are troubles of more than one kind.  
 Some come from ahead and some come from behind.  
 But I've bought a big bat. I'm all ready you see.  
 Now my troubles are going to have troubles with me!"  
 ~Dr. Seuss

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