FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a graduate admission test or GRE required?
No graduate entrance exams are required; however, admission requirements include a 3.0 GPA, letters of recommendation, resume and statement declaring the student’s goals and professional experiences.

How long will it take to complete the program?
The school counseling program can be completed in 24 months.

What are the options for licensure?
There are multiple paths to be licensed as a school counselor in Kansas, including a provisional license for students at the halfway point in the program. A teaching degree and/or experience is not required to be a school counselor in Kansas. School experiences and development activities are integrated into the school counseling master’s program for those students who do not have an education background. There are no extra costs or credit hours required. All students will be eligible for a school counseling initial counselor license following successful completion of the master’s program and other Kansas Department of Education requirements, including passing a licensure exam and background check.

Do I need a certain degree to apply to the program?
The master’s in school counseling program is available for anyone wanting to be a school counselor or to enhance their ability to interact with students. Students who enter the program have varied bachelor’s degrees, including in education, family studies, sociology and psychology.
WHY SCHOOL COUNSELING?
This graduate program is designed to prepare dynamic, professional school counselors to be team leaders who develop comprehensive school counseling programs that are integral to the total educational program. School counselors are prepared to support students’ achievement and learning, as well as their academic, career and social/emotional development.

Program Advantages
- Flexible online and on-campus classes to accommodate working professionals, chiefly educators and anyone with a bachelor’s degree looking to change careers.
- Accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

How is the program delivered at K-State Olathe?
Courses are delivered from the Manhattan campus to Olathe via videoconferencing.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
The program’s curriculum is designed to prepare future school counselors and current teachers with the knowledge and tools that will help them navigate the numerous milestones and challenges that students often experience throughout their K-12 career.

Topics include:
- College and career readiness
- Social/Emotional development
- Substance abuse
- Grief and loss counseling
- Achievement gaps
- Healthy relationships
- Leadership and advocacy
- Success strategies for all students
- Trauma and crisis management
- Character education
- Individual plans of study
- Facilitation of career development
- Promotion of academic achievement for all
- Collaboration with business and community
- Consultation with teachers and parents
- Suicide awareness and prevention
- Classroom behavioral issues
- Enhancement of resilience, grit and work ethic