Doctoral Programs in Counseling

Admissions Criteria

- Successful completion of a master’s degree in mental health counseling, school counseling, or a related field in the helping professions (e.g., social work, counseling psychology, creative arts therapy).
- Preference is given to applicants with the following:
  - At least two years of relevant practice experience in a counseling-related profession
  - A license or certification to practice in a counseling-related profession
- A general understanding of the nature of doctoral work.
- Career goals consistent with attainment of a doctoral degree in counseling.
- Ability to articulate potential avenues for dissertation research
- Applicants must display dispositions of health and fitness that will foster healing, growth and change in their clients. Indicators of emotional health and fitness would include the following:
  - Capacity for sound clinical and interpersonal judgment.
  - The ability to deal with critique and conflict in a healthy and productive manner.
  - Reliable completion, even under conditions of stress and emotional challenge, of expected clinical and academic responsibilities.
  - A respect for diversity of beliefs, practices, appearances, and orientations, and a commitment to, and capacity for self-reflection regarding issues related to diversity
  - The ability, even in times of extreme stress, to convey empathy and compassion.
  - A display sound moral and ethical judgment.
  - Avoiding plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty.
  - The ability to relate to supervisees and students in an ethical, non-exploitive manner that prioritizes their welfare.

It should be noted that with these general criteria/guidelines in mind, we consider each individual applicant in light of their unique potential to become an excellent professional counselor/counseling professional.

Matriculation Requirements

1. Admission to an established program within the Warner School
2. Continuous enrollment
3. Evidence of health insurance
4. A transcript, while enrolled in the Warner School Program, that has neither:
   - An E grade (E grades denote failure)
• Two C grades
5. For full-time students born after 1956, evidence within one month of matriculation that they have received a measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) immunization.