

Candidates can fulfill the requirements for a Master of Education degree and principalship/supervision certification within the 36-hour program. Successful completion of selected courses can be used for the Teacher Leader Endorsement.

The *Alternative Path to Educational Leadership* is designed for individuals who have already earned a Master's Degree from an accredited institution, but want to obtain additional certification in educational leadership. Previous coursework will be assessed and an individual program of study will be outlined for each candidate. Candidates must satisfy the same screening and selection process as other applicants.

Transfer Students

Candidates seeking the MEDL degree at LSUS may transfer up to 6 hours of the necessary coursework provided the final fifty percent is taken at LSUS. The

courses must be from a regionally accredited institution, with earned grades of B or better, and approved by the graduate program director and the faculty member whose expertise is in courses under review for transfer credit.

Portfolio and Field Experiences

During the program, each candidate must develop a portfolio demonstrating competency based on state and national knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

Candidates are expected to complete a minimum of 400 hours of documented field experiences. Candidates will complete approximately 200 hours throughout their coursework. A 200-hour internship is required at the end of the program. Each candidate will complete the internship under the guidance of a mentor administrator and university supervisor.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Total Hours: 36

Course Number	Course Title	Course Credit
EDL 700	Creating a Professional Learning Community	3 cr.
EDL 701	Leading with Vision	3 cr.
EDL 702	Legal and Ethical Issues in Education	3 cr.
ED 780	Educational Technology Applied to the Classroom	3 cr.
EDL 707	Utilizing Data for School Improvement	3 cr.
ED 704	Foundations of Educational Research	3 cr.
ED 720	Curriculum	3 cr.
EDL 710	Leading Instruction and Assessment	3 cr.
EDL 711	Funding Public Education	3 cr.
EDL 712	Facilitating Human Resource Development and Empowerment	3 cr.
EDL 713	Mobilizing the Community	3 cr.
EDL 715	Internship in Educational Leadership	3 cr.
EDL 775	Educational Leadership Assessment (pass/no credit)	0 cr.

*PSYC 216 Introductory Statistics or the equivalent is a prerequisite.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Course Requirements

The Master of Science in Counseling Psychology (MSCP) degree is a 48-term-hour graduate program which has as its objective the training of professional counselors. This curriculum is specifically designed to meet the academic requirements of the current Louisiana state licensing act for Licensed Professional Counselors, which requires a 48-hour master's degree in counseling including eight specific curricular areas. Accordingly, there is a core of six courses (18 term hours) that provides a basis for further study emphasizing increasing theoretical knowledge and practical application skills in a variety of counseling specialty areas. The 10 courses (30 term hours) devoted to theory and applications include a 100-clock-hour practicum and two terms, 300 clock hours each, of internship experience. In the practicum and internship experiences, students are under the guidance and

supervision of both University-based faculty and field-based practitioners.

Admission Procedures

The MSCP program publishes a student handbook which provides guidelines and requirements beyond the minimum requirements of the graduate school shown in this catalog, and success in the program must be consistent with the MSCP program handbook requirements.

In addition, all students need to understand that since this program is a professional training program and much of the professional training occurs during practicum and internship courses near the end of the program, no student is permitted to walk through graduation ceremonies until they have satisfactorily completed all program and degree requirements and

have the approval of the department and program faculty.

In addition to the general university requirements for admission to graduate studies as outlined in the university catalog, an applicant for admission to the Master of Science in Counseling Psychology degree program must meet program requirements as stated below:

To apply for admission to the Master of Science in Counseling Psychology, applicants must complete and submit the LSUS Graduate Studies application along with transcripts to the Dean of Graduate Studies with duplicate copies sent to the Psychology Department. Applicants must abide by all graduate school application deadlines. Applicants must also submit to the MSCP Program Director: 1) at least two letters of references; 2) official GRE scores of ≥ 800 (combined Verbal and Quantitative); 3) MSCP Program Application Form; and 4) Letter of intent. All material

must be received prior to the MSCP program application deadlines (see posted dates on MSCP web-page for full program description), and an application is complete only when all required materials have been received. In addition, applicant's credentials should provide evidence of freedom from limitations that would jeopardize their success as a professional counselor. All necessary forms are available at the MSCP Program web site. Admission decisions are made by the MSCP Program Committee, and are made on a competitive basis.

To the extent that applicants have not already taken the pre-requisite courses students are expected to complete all needed pre-requisite courses, at the beginning of their program of study.

All applicants: Complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

PSYC 152	Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 216	Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
PSYC 350	Introduction to Psychometrics
PSYC 404/604	Theories of Personality
PSYC 411/611	History of Psychology
PSYC 422/622	Physiological Psychology

Grade Policy

A GPA of 3.0 or higher is required for graduation from the Master of Science in Counseling Psychology degree program. Students are expected to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA throughout the program. After any term in which a student's GPA drops below 3.0, the student will be placed on probation. The student is expected to return to a GPA of 3.0 or higher the following term. Only one (1) grade of "C" is allowed toward the completion of the degree. A second grade of "C" must be repeated, with a minimal grade of "B" required on the repeated course for a student to remain in the MSCP program. A third earned grade of "C" will result in dismissal from the program. All grades earned in graduate course work, whether at LSUS or elsewhere, will be included in the computation of the minimum 3.0 GPA required for graduation. Undergraduate courses taken as prerequisites while in graduate status are not so included. Any grade below a grade of "C" in a graduate course will automatically result in dismissal from the program. Thesis grades are assigned as pass/fail based on student performance. Students may be allowed to retake internship courses one time only upon approval of the MSCP Program Committee.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of 12 term hours with a grade of "B" or better may be accepted for transfer into the program by prior approval of the MSCP Program Director. An additional 9 hours may be considered for transfer approval, at the discretion of the MSCP Program Committee and upon approval by the Graduate Council.

Comprehensive Examination

Students will be expected to successfully complete a comprehensive examination prior to placement in the internship. Only candidates in the Masters program are allowed to sit for the examination. The program has adopted the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE). It is an objective, standardized measurement exam developed by the Center for Credentialing and Education, an affiliate of the National Board of Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC). The purpose of the exam is to assess students' knowledge of counseling information viewed as important by counselor education programs. The committee will use the exam to measure students' competency in the subjects deemed important by counselor licensing/accreditations boards. The CPCE was designed to provide summative evaluation of pertinent and professional relevant knowledge obtained through

the program. The CPCE consists of 160 items that reflect the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program (CACREP) eight required training areas:

- Human Growth and Development
- Social and cultural Foundations
- Helping Relationships
- Group Work
- Career and Lifestyle Development
- Appraisal
- Research and Program Evaluation
- Professional Orientation and Ethics

The CPCE registration fee is the responsibility of the student. The LSUS Department of Psychology will coordinate administration of the CPCE. Individuals who perform well on the CPCE should perform similarly on the LPC licensure exams. Students who do not pass the comprehensive examination may retake the comprehensive exam twice. Failing the comprehensive exam a third time will result in dismissal from the program. The Committee sets the comprehensive exam dates and at least two dates will be offered per academic year.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Total Hours: 48

FIRST YEAR					
<u>FALL TERM</u>	<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>	<u>SPRING TERM</u>	<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>	<u>SUMMER TERM</u>	<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
Psychology 701/ED 750	3	Psychology 721	3	Psychology 605	3
Psychology 720	3	Psychology 723	3	Psychology Elective	<u>3</u>
Psychology 716	3	Psychology 718	3		6
Psychology 628	<u>3</u>	Psychology 709	<u>3</u>		
	12		12		
SECOND YEAR					
<u>FALL TERM</u>	<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>	<u>SPRING TERM</u>	<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>	<u>SUMMER TERM</u>	<u>Sem Hrs</u>
Psychology 732	3	Psychology 786	3	Psychology 787	3
Psychology 722	3	Psychology 733	<u>3</u>		
Psychology 783	<u>3</u>		6		
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Prerequisite courses: PSYC 152, PSYC 216, PSYC 350, PSYC 404/604, PSYC 411/611, PSYC 422/622
Electives (3 hours required): PSYC 702, PSYC 714, PSYC 724, PSYC 626, or PSYC 799.

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

About the Program

The Master of Health Administration (MHA) Program at Louisiana State University in Shreveport requires that students complete a series of courses consisting of 30 credit hours. Three foundation courses are required prior to beginning the Program: ACCT 285, ECON 285, and MADM 720 or their equivalents.

Admissions Requirements

Acceptance into the MHA Program requires potential students to (1) complete the LSUS Application for Graduate Admission, complying with all applicable guidelines and standards; (2) submit official transcripts of all college work, demonstrating a minimum GPA of 3.0; (3) take either the GRE or GMAT and submit official test scores, reflecting at least a 900 (verbal score + quantitative score) on the Graduate Record Examination or a 450 on the Graduate Management Admissions Test; (4) prepare and submit a letter detailing interest in health administration; and (5) arrange for three individuals to submit letters of recommendation.

Admissions deadlines are as follows: Fall admission—June 30, Spring admission—November 30, Summer admission—April 30. Please note that, in order to be considered for a given term, *all* materials identified in Items 1-5 must be received by the applicable deadline.

Career Opportunities

The Master of Health Administration prepares students for professional middle- and upper-level management positions within healthcare institutions. Such institutions include hospitals and medical centers, medical group practices, pharmaceutical firms, medical technology corporations, health insurance companies, government and nonprofit health agencies, nursing homes and assisted living centers, and home health agencies.

Within each of these institutions, critical administrative functions must be carried out on an ongoing basis, providing significant opportunities for current and future healthcare administrators. Whether you aspire to become the administrator of a medical group, the director of human resources at a long term care center,