

**St. Bonaventure University
School of Education
Counselor Education**



The School of Education and all of our programs are nationally accredited

Hallmarks of the Counselor Education Program

1. Candidates may select from three tracks within this program: School Counseling; Clinical Mental Health Counseling; and Rehabilitation Counseling.
2. School Counseling candidates can prepare for NY School Counselor certification while Clinical Mental Health Counseling candidates can become eligible for a NY Mental Health Counselor license.
3. Counselor Education tracks in School Counseling and Mental Health Counseling are accredited by the Council for Accreditation in Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).
4. Counselor Education candidates complete field experiences of at least 700 hours during their Practicum and Internship courses.
5. Candidates may choose from a broad variety of approved field placement sites with the assistance of a Field Placement Coordinator.
6. All Counselor Education students have an academic adviser who is a faculty member in the Counselor education program.
7. The challenging curriculum enables students to understand the diverse needs of students/clients and to develop a repertoire of interventions designed to promote optimal development.

What makes us different?

- Competence: Counselor Education candidates follow a curriculum that has been accredited by CACREP and that embodies best practice in the field.
- Experience: Candidates gain clinical experience starting with their first semester in the program. Our students complete a minimum of 700 hours of clinical experience at approved sites.
- Social Justice: Counselor Education students are immersed in an atmosphere of social justice with such experiences as a course in Multicultural Counseling; internships in diverse settings, and exposure to social action programs at the University and within the Counselor Education Program.

What makes our grads great educators? They become...

- School Counselors who serve in a broad spectrum of urban, suburban, or rural school settings.
- Mental Health Counselors who serve in such varied settings as community mental health programs, inpatient psychiatric centers, social service agencies, college counseling.
- Rehabilitation Counselors who serve people with physical, mental, emotional, or social disabilities at various life stages.

QUICK FACT:

- School and Rehabilitation Counseling are 48 credit-hour programs while Mental Health is a 60 credit-hour program.

Frequently Asked Questions...Counselor Education Program
at St. Bonaventure University

Does the SBU program in school counseling lead to certification as a School Counselor in NY?

YES! SBU's School Counseling program is registered with the State Education Department in Albany. Graduates with a major in School Counseling are immediately eligible for initial certification as a School Counselor.

Are Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduates eligible for a Mental Health Counselor license in New York?

Yes. SBU's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is registered with the Office of the Professions at the NY State Education Department in Albany. Graduates with this CMHC degree meet the eligibility requirements for a "limited permit" to practice while accumulating supervised hours for full licensure as a Mental Health Counselor.

Do counseling students have access to online courses?

Yes. At SBU, we offer courses in three different formats: traditional face-to-face, online, and hybrid combinations of online and face-to-face.

Must students secure their own placements for counseling internships?

Internship placements are developed by an SBU Placement Coordinator in collaboration with each student and the student's faculty advisor and university-

How long does it take for students to complete their counseling degree at SBU?

Fulltime counseling students at St. Bonaventure usually complete their degree within two to two and a half years.

What are some of the settings within which SBU graduates are employed?

SBU counseling alumni are employed in such diverse settings as alternative education schools, mental health clinics, prisons, social service agencies, psychiatric hospitals, rehab centers, college counseling centers, and public schools at all grade levels.

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