

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN IN THE
COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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Below is the list of additional requirements which must be satisfied **during your first semester** in order to remain in the Counselor Education Program. These additional requirements should be addressed to the Graduate Program Coordinator, College of Education Dean's Office, Augusta State University, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904. It is the student's responsibility to be sure that all materials are received.

1. Graduate Record Exam OR Miller's Analogy Test Minimum Score Requirement

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) (minimum total score 800, with score of at least 400 on Verbal subtest) OR Miller's Analogy Test (MAT) (minimum score of 388). If needed, contact the ASU Counseling, Testing and Disability Services Office at 737-1471 for testing fees and schedules.

2. 3 Letters of Recommendation

Please submit three letters of reference from persons who can attest to:

- a) your character and potential as a counselor,
- b) your ability to form and maintain positive interpersonal relationships, and
- c) your ability to complete a Master's degree program.

Instruct your references to comment on each of these three areas in their letters and explain for how long and in what capacity they know you. One letter should be from your most recent or current employer.

3. Personal Essay

To help us get to know you better, please write a personal essay that is autobiographical in nature, describing your life up to now. In this essay, please discuss:

- a) why you want to be a counselor,
- b) what attributes you may possess which would contribute to your effectiveness as a counselor,
- c) what personal characteristics you possess that might hinder your relationships with clients, and
- d) how you are planning to address those issues.

Your essay should be double-spaced and three pages in length. You will be evaluated on your ability to follow instructions and effectively communicate your ideas, the thoughtfulness and depth of your personal essay, and quality of written work.

4. Successful Interview with Faculty

Once all of these additional application requirements have been submitted, you will be contacted to schedule an interview appointment. During the interview you will be evaluated

in a number of non-academic ways by the faculty: willingness to appropriately self-disclose, evidence of balanced lifestyle, appropriate degree of self-awareness, receptivity to supervision, respect for individual differences, and demonstration of your potential for developing positive relationships with others.

All of these items are vital in considering you as a potential graduate counseling student at ASU. A limited number of candidates are admitted to the program each semester. Only those applicants who are the most skilled in demonstrating the above characteristics during the interview process and who, based on all of their submitted materials, have the highest aptitude for success in a Master's program, will be accepted to continue.

Once the interview is complete, you will be notified in writing regarding your acceptance or denial to continue in the program.

5. Deadlines for Submitting Additional Materials

- October 15 (if you are enrolled in fall semester)
- March 15 (if you are enrolled in spring semester)
- May 15 (if you are enrolled in summer semester)

The faculty and staff of Augusta State University Counselor Education Program congratulate you on actively pursuing your educational goals. We are committed to supporting you in making these professional dreams a reality.