Prerequisite

The master’s degree in Counselor Education, or its full equivalent, within the CACREP standards is a prerequisite for entry into the doctoral program.

Counselor Education

Requirements Residency

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The Program in Counselor Education requires that students meet a residency requirement of full-time study for two contiguous semesters, where a full academic load throughout the summer may be considered equivalent to one academic-year semester.

BCE Requirements

Doctoral students are required to complete the following courses:

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**BCE Electives:** Students must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester hours of approved specialty electives in Counselor Education. Suggested courses include, but are not limited to:

BCE 615 Field Experiences in Counselor Education
BCE 626 Readings in Counseling
BCE 633 Advanced Seminar: Substance Abuse
BCE 633 Advanced Seminar: Issues in Couple and Family Counseling
BCE 651 Counseling Strategies for Couple Relationships
BCE 652 Counseling strategies for Adult-Child Relationships
BCE 653 Introduction to Play Therapy
BCE 654 Advanced Play Therapy

*Students' initial semester of BCE 699 - Dissertation Research requires their enrollment in and successful completion of the scheduled Doctoral Research Seminar conducted by the BCE faculty assigned to that section of BCE 699. Students are allowed to repeat the Doctoral Research
Seminar with the permission of their Dissertation Chair and the BCE faculty assigned to that section of BCE 699. Subsequent enrollments in Dissertation Research should be with the Dissertation Chair.

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

A minimum of 12 semester hours in research must be included in the total hours of graduate credit. These hours must include competencies in research methods, quantitative concepts and analysis, philosophical inquiry, qualitative analysis, computer technology, and other competencies to serve the research expectations for the doctorate. Specific courses required in Counselor Education related to research competencies are as follows:

BER 540 – Quantitative Research I  
BER 600 – Quantitative Research Methods in Education  
BER 640 – Quantitative Research II  
BER 631 – Inquiry as Interpretation: Qual I

A minimum of 12 semester hours of foundational must be included in the overall graduate program above the bachelor’s level. The student’s Program Planning Committee determines which courses may be used to meet this requirement. Students anticipating careers in educational settings must complete at least one course in philosophy of education within their foundational study. Students anticipating careers in other settings are not required to include philosophy of education in their foundational study.

Students must obtain a minimum of 60 post-master’s credit hours or a minimum of 90 graduate credit hours in the overall graduate program, to which six of the 24 semester hours of required dissertation research credit may be applied.