

BCE Academic Calendar: 2026 – 2027

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) - M.A.
School Counseling (SC) - M.A.
Rehabilitation Counseling (RC) - M.A.
Educational Specialist for School Counseling – Ed.S.
Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) - Ph.D.

*FALL 2026

August 20	Master's Comprehensive Examination Orientation for RC
August 26	Master's Comprehensive Examination Orientation for CMHC and SC
August 17	New Student Orientation for CMHC
August 18	New Student Orientation for SC
September 18	New Student Orientation for RC
September 9	New Student Orientation for Doctoral Students
September 16	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination (Portfolio) Orientation
September 4 & 6	CMHC, SC, and RC Field Placement Orientation for Spring
September 4 & 6	Doctoral Student Field Placement Orientation for Spring
September 24	Site Supervisor Meeting & Orientation
By September 30	NCE Exam Application
October 2*	Degree Application Deadline
October 15	Priority deadline for Spring Application for CMHC, SC, RC, and EdS
October 15	Doctoral Portfolios Due
November 2	Doctoral Portfolios Presentation
November 6	Master's Comprehensive Exam Project Due for SC and CMHC
November 13	Master's Comprehensive Exam for RC
November 13	Checkpoint 3 for COE Portfolio for SC and EdS
November 17	Student Review Day and Review of Field Placements
December 15	Priority deadline for Doctoral Admission for Fall 2025

***SPRING 2027**

By January 31	Master's Comprehensive Examination Orientation for CMHC and SC
By January 31	Master's Comprehensive Examination Orientation for RC
By January 31	New Student Orientation for CMHC
By January 31	New Student Orientation for SC
By January 31	New Student Orientation for RC
By January 31	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination (Portfolio) Orientation
By January 31	CMHC, SC, and RC Field Placement Orientation for Summer and Fall
By January 31	Doctoral Student Field Placement Orientation for Summer and Fall
By January 31	Site Supervisor Meeting & Orientation
February 15	Deadline for Summer and Fall Applications for CMHC, SC, RC, and EdS
February 19*	Degree Application Deadline
March 15	The deadline for Doctoral Admission for Fall
March TBD	NCE Exam
March 16	Doctoral Portfolios Due
March 19	Master's Comprehensive Exam Project Due for SC and CMHC
March 31	Doctoral Portfolios Presentation
April 1	Graduate Assistant Applications Due
April 2	Master's Comprehensive Exam for RC
April 2	Checkpoint 3 for COE Portfolio for SC and EdS
By April 30	Student Review Day and Review of Field Placements

***SUMMER 2027**

June *	Degree Application Deadline
July 9	Checkpoint 3 for COE Portfolio for SC and EdS
July 9	Master's Comprehensive Exam for RC

*See the University of Alabama Graduate School website (graduate.ua.edu) for important deadlines. Also, important University dates are found on the Academic Calendar (<https://registrar.ua.edu/academiccalendar/>).