

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, MPHILED

The M.Phil.Ed. prepares students to become Certified School Counselors and/or Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs). The M.Phil.Ed. in Professional Counseling program emphasizes supervised counseling and clinical skills development for addressing the emotional and behavioral health challenges facing individuals and groups in a wide range of settings, including schools, neighborhoods, and larger communities. This program involves two years of advanced study in the mastery of professional counseling, clinical assessment, and consultation services. Graduates of the program can either launch their careers as licensed professional counselors after completing post-graduate requirements or go on to pursue doctoral studies.

For more information: <https://www.gse.upenn.edu/academics/programs/professional-counseling-masters> (<https://www.gse.upenn.edu/academics/programs/professional-counseling-masters/>)

Curriculum

A total of 20 course units are required for the M.Phil.Ed.

First Year

Fall		Course Units
EDUC 6558	Diagnosis and Psychopathology	1
EDUC 6586	Counseling Intervention:	1
EDUC 6587	Counseling Ethics & Professional Principles	1
EDUC 6588	Counseling Practicum	1
		Course Units 4.00

Spring

EDUC 5560	Human Development	1
EDUC 6563	Sociocultural Foundations in Counseling	1
EDUC 6588	Counseling Practicum	1
EDUC 6513	Group Counseling	1
		Course Units 4.00

Summer

EDUC 6585	Career Counseling and Development	1
EDUC 6667	Introductory Statistics for Educational Research	1
Select 2 electives offered by GSE's Human Development department ¹		2
		Course Units 4.00

Second Year

Fall		
EDUC 6503	Wellness and Addictions Counseling	1
EDUC 7517	Professional Internship in Counseling I	1
EDUC 7525	Advanced Professional Practice in Communities, Agencies and Organizations	1
EDUC 7566	Advanced Professional Counseling Intervention:	1
		Course Units 4.00

Spring

EDUC 5585	Advanced Group and Family Counseling	1
EDUC 7518	Professional Internship in Counseling II	1
EDUC 7582	Assessment for Counselors I	1
Select 1 elective		1.0
		Course Units 4.00
		Total Course Units 20.00

¹ School Counseling Certification Track Requirement students must take EDUC 5553 Foundations of Education for Diverse Learners as 1 of the 2 electives.

Required Milestones

Comprehensive Examination (or Portfolio or Thesis)

Master's degree candidates must demonstrate thorough knowledge of the field of specialization by passing a comprehensive examination in their area of study. The examination/portfolio/thesis serves an educational and evaluative purpose through which students are expected to review and integrate what they have learned in their coursework and fieldwork. Comprehensive formats vary.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

