



# USU M.Ed. Program SCHOOL COUNSELING

Utah State's Department of Psychology homes a master's degree (M.Ed.) program for School Counseling that is nationally accredited by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP). This program is designed to prepare students for professional licensure in school counseling and job opportunities in K-12 school counseling positions. Students are trained in subjects including behavioral and educational assessment and intervention, ethical and professional standards, individual, group, and classroom counseling interventions, and college and career readiness. The School Counseling Program offers four study tracks: the Jumpstart Undergraduate Track (2 years, USU undergraduates only), Summer-Start Fast Track (2 years), the Fall-Start Standard Track (3 years), and the Spring-Start Standard Track (2.5 years). Visit [cehs.usu.edu/psychology/masters/](https://cehs.usu.edu/psychology/masters/) for track details.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Standard Track / Fall Start - June 1  
Standard Track / Spring Start - November 1  
Fast Track / Summer Start - April 1

### Interested in an Early Admission Decision?

Completed applications will be reviewed early based on the following deadlines:

- Standard Track / Fall Start: April 1 (admission decision shared by mid-April)
- Standard Track / Spring Start: October 1 (admission decision shared by mid-October)
- Fast Track / Summer Start: February 1 (admission decision shared by mid-February)

Apply Here: [gradschool.usu.edu/admissions](https://gradschool.usu.edu/admissions)

## SCHOOL COUNSELING DEGREE OVERVIEW

### 3.2 GPA

Minimum 3.2 GPA required

### Program Delivery

State-wide, web-based courses

### No Entrance Exams

### No Pre-Requisites

### 49 Credits

All tracks deliver same program

### Cost of Attendance

Total cost of the program ranges between \$21,000-\$23,000 depending on study track. Estimate is based on 2025-2026 USU Statewide Campuses Tuition and Fees Table, is subject to change.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Completed application through USU School of Graduate Studies to include:

- USBE Criminal Background Check
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2
- Official transcripts verifying completion of undergraduate degree from accredited institution
- Three letters of recommendation (to be submitted by professional recommenders through the application portal)
- Statement of purpose
- Professional resume
- Video submission

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete M.Ed. in School Counseling Program of Study (49 credit hours).  
Maintain 3.0 GPA or above, complete all courses with B grade or higher.  
Successful completion of Practicum and Internship experiential components.  
Pass School Counseling Praxis Exam 5422 with a score of 153 or higher.  
Program requirements must be completed within 6 years.

## LICENSURE INFORMATION

Upon successful completion of all program requirements and passing the required Praxis exam, graduates are recommended for professional licensure, including the College and Career Readiness Certificate, through the Utah State Board of Education (USBE)



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## Virtual Open Houses

Please join us the first Wednesday of the month, from 4-4:30 pm MST for a virtual informational open house!

We invite prospective students to come learn more about our USU M.Ed. in School Counseling Program. These open houses provide a great opportunity to learn more about the school counseling profession, as well as gain an understanding of USU School Counseling Program specifics. We'll discuss what to expect throughout the program, in addition to covering program delivery, cost, and financial aid questions.

Our program coordinator will also walk you through application requirements and next steps if you are ready to apply.

Register at [cehs.usu.edu/psychology/masters/open-house](https://cehs.usu.edu/psychology/masters/open-house).