

Certificate in Career Education and Counseling

The purpose of this certificate is to provide students who have previously completed a masters degree or Pupil Personnel Services Credential or who are concurrently enrolled in a masters degree or credential program in the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling with knowledge and professional skills in: career counseling theory, applications, and program development; organizational theory; career and educational information; individual and group vocational assessment; and career counseling for special populations. These areas have been identified by the National Career Development Association (NCDA) as essential competency areas for Master Career Counselor certification (MCC). As well, those with a master's degree in a related area to career development (i.e., Sociology, MBA, Social Work, Public Administration) may apply for the Certificate in Career Education,

Students completing the program will earn a Certificate in Career Education and Counseling, and will be prepared for employment as career counselors in educational settings, including schools; business, industry and government; community-based agencies, and organizations, and career counseling/consulting firms.

Federally-Required Disclosures

<http://www.csun.edu/education/epc/programs/career-counseling-certificate.html>

Information on careers in this field can be found at:

<http://www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/CIP?s=13.1101&g=Go>. The Educational CIP Code for this certificate program is 13.1101 and the U.S. Department of Labor's Standard Occupation Code (SOC) is 21-1012.00.

The program is designed to take four semesters.

The tuition and fees can be found at: <http://www-admn.csun.edu/ucs/>. In 2010/11 most students paid \$4,030 in fees and \$1,620 in Books and Supplies if enrolling on a part-time (6 unit or fewer) basis.

Federal student loans are available to students in this certificate program. Information can be found on the Financial Aid and Scholarship website at www.csun.edu/finaid.

A minimum of one semester of fieldwork in the second year is required, though additional experience would be very helpful for greater preparation for employment in this field.

Prerequisites for the Certificate Program

- M.A./M.S.in Counseling,or in a field approved by the Program Coordinator;or a Basic Pupil Personnel Services Credential,or Concurrent enrollment in a masters degree program in Educational Psychology and Counseling or PPS Credential.
- One course in the Sociology of Work (SOC 340), or Organizational Behavior (MGT 360), or the equivalent.

Suggested Course Sequence by Semester*

- Semester 1 EPC 657A Seminar Career Counseling Theory (3)
 EPC 655 Seminar in Counseling Theory and Practice (3)

 and

 One of the following:
 EPC 607 Motivation in Learning and Development (3) or
 *EPC 622 College Student Environment (3) or
 MGT 620 Organizational Behavior and Administration (3) or
 SOC 400 Social Organization (3)

 * Recommended for all those pursuing career counseling in higher educ.
- Semester 2 EPC 653 Measurement for School and Career Counseling (3)
 EPC 657B Seminar in Career Counseling Resources (3)
 and
 EPC 643 Cross Cultural Counseling (3)
- Semester 3 EPC 658 Seminar in Group Counseling (3)
 EPC 658L Group Counseling Laboratory (1)
 EPC 659CC Fieldwork in Career Counseling (3)
 and
 EPC 660 Counseling for Career Adjustment and Change (3)
- Semester 4 *EPC 695S Management in College Counseling/Stu Services (3) or
 EPC 662 Current Issues in Career Education & Counseling (3) or
 SPED 612 Special Education for the Handicapped (3)

 Optional:
 EPC 659DC Fieldwork in Career Counseling – Business & Industry (3)

 *Recommended for those pursuing career counseling in higher education.

Total units required for the certificate: 31

Students who have completed equivalent courses to EPC 655 or 643 or 658 may petition to use those courses toward the certificate. A minimum of 21 units are required for this certificate in Career Education and Counseling.

*All programs must be approved by the program coordinator. This listing is provided for information purposes only, is subject to change without notice, and is not guaranteed to be correct. The student should consult the university catalog and the program coordinator for further details and course descriptions. Students must also complete a professional development requirement as listed below.

Professional Development Requirement

In addition to certificate course requirements, students will be expected to complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours of professional development training outside of a classroom setting. Approved training might include conference attendance, seminars, and workshops. Students may not receive certificate validation for professional development training in excess of eight (8) hours per semester.