

SPANISH COUNSELING - GRADUATE MINOR

The Minor in Spanish Counseling, offered through the Counseling and Educational Psychology department is open to graduate students who are enrolled in CEP's Counseling, School Psychology, and Counseling Psychology programs, and to graduate students who are enrolled in Social Work and Marriage and Family Therapy programs. It was established in the interest of meeting the needs of bilingual counseling students who seek training in the provision of Spanish language mental health services.

Prerequisites

In order to begin the Minor courses, students **must currently be enrolled in a Mental Health program** as described above. They must **demonstrate intermediate level Spanish language skills** as evidenced by the Spanish Placement Exam and an oral interview with the program coordinator. Advanced level in Spanish counseling skills is required for the completion of the Minor. If a student feels that he/she needs to improve his/her level of academic Spanish prior to completing the required course work, or if the program coordinator determines that it is necessary, the student has the option of taking additional Spanish courses through the Languages and Linguistics department. Students will be required to take Spanish language courses until they have satisfied this requirement. Please note that online courses will not fulfill this requirement.

How to Apply

If you are interested in pursuing a minor in Spanish Counseling, you are advised to meet with the CEP Program Coordinator, Yadira Ibanez (y1banez@nmsu.edu). It is best to meet with the program coordinator before enrolling in relevant coursework, but it is possible to obtain the minor after taking one of the courses in the program of study. This meeting will ensure that the minor is declared for graduation purposes. In addition, this meeting allows the CEP department to keep track of potential minors in order to determine what courses need to be offered at any given time. A Spanish Counseling Minor faculty member is also required to sit on the committee for the student's final exam. For Doctoral students, this includes orals, dissertation proposal and defense exams.