

# COUNSELING AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY

## Undergraduate Program Information

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Counseling and Community Psychology (CCP) prepares students to work at the bachelor's level, focusing on interpersonal skills, case management, awareness of mental health issues, understanding human behavior, and multicultural awareness. Alternatively, the CCP undergraduate major prepares students for graduate school to become practitioners in the field of psychology with an additional focus on research and professional psychology practice opportunities.

## Graduate Program Information

The major thrust of the Counseling and Educational Psychology (CEP) Department is the preparation of personnel for work in counseling, school psychology, counseling psychology and related areas. Five graduate degrees are available:

1. Masters of Arts (M.A.) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
2. Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) in School Psychology
3. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Counseling Psychology
4. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in School Psychology
5. Postdoctoral Masters of Science (M.S.) in Clinical Psychopharmacology

### Departmental Graduate Admission Requirements

Admission requirements and procedures are specific to each degree program in the CEP department. Applicants must meet the basic admission requirements of the Graduate School before they are considered for admission to CEP graduate programs. To be considered for admission to CEP Graduate Programs, application requirements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Completion and submission of NMSU online graduate application form and fee.
2. Unofficial transcript from every college or university you have attended. If the program decides to recommend you for admission, official transcripts must be submitted to the Graduate School. You will not be considered admitted until after the Graduate School has reviewed these materials and made a final decision.
3. Letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's academic and/or professional record (please check with the degree program to determine the number needed).
4. Curriculum vitae or resume that includes a list of completed upper-division and/or graduate coursework related to counseling, school psychology, counseling psychology, or related professions.
5. Letter of intent and/or statement of purpose (please check with the degree program to determine what the content should include).
6. Writing Sample (please check with the degree program to determine what type of writing sample is needed).
7. Interviews are required as a part of the selection process.

For more information about the CEP Department, contact the department office or visit the departmental website. For questions related to degree programs admission procedures and requirements, please contact the

Program Director and/or Program Admissions Director, program websites indicate contact information for these individuals.

### CEP Departmental Policy on Enrollment Restrictions for Graduate Courses

#### Restricted Enrollment:

Due to student demand, limited university resources and the nature of graduate training programs which lead to licensure in the helping professions, enrollment in CEP graduate level courses is restricted to those graduate students who have been admitted to both the Graduate School, as well as to the particular academic program.

This restriction also applies to persons who may wish to audit a course.

It is anticipated that certain situations may warrant an exception from the general rule limiting enrollment. The process to obtain an exception is provided in the following section.

#### Exception Criteria and Process:

The department head may grant exceptions to this policy, provided a screening process similar and equally rigorous to that required for admission to the program is performed. An exception must be requested before enrollment and shall include the following:

1. Consideration and validation of the reason provided by the individual requesting to enroll, which must include academic and professional qualifications relevant to the professional level of study. For example, active licensure as a psychologist is required to audit or register for courses in the postdoctoral program in Psychopharmacology.
2. Agreement from the individual that they will comply with all program requirements imposed for those who are admitted to the program, such as a background check.
3. Examples of justifications that will be considered sufficient to warrant an exception and permit students to register for graduate courses in CEP include:
  - a. Previous admission by NMSU for purposes of a graduate minor in the helping professions. For example, the Minor in Integrated Behavioral Healthcare, which is also open to graduate students previously admitted to Social Work, Public Health, Nursing, and Marriage and Family Therapy programs.
  - b. Licensed graduates of the Postdoctoral MS of Clinical Psychopharmacology program who need continuing education credits to maintain competency.
4. Written, including electronic, approval from the:
  - a. Course Instructor,
  - b. Program Director, and
  - c. CEP Department Head.