SCHOOL COUNSELING (MA)

Program Description

The Master of Arts program in School Counseling prepares graduates to work as school counselors in grades K–12.

Graduates are eligible for New York State certification as school counselors and additionally eligible to take the National Certified School Counselor Exam to become national certified school counselors. The curriculum prepares graduates to form helping relationships with K–12 children and youth, teachers, and parents, adapting to their students’ growth and development; assess students in socio-historical contexts with attention to issues of power and privilege — including gender, race and ethnicity, class, and sexual orientation; and create and deliver a data-driven school counseling program that supports every student's academic, career, and personal and social development.

In addition to coursework, students complete a year-long, 6-credit (600 hours) internship: 300 hours in grades K–8 and 300 hours in grades 9–12. Schools are selected by the student in consultation with the director of internships.

The program offers an option in bilingual school counseling, which prepares graduates to identify issues relevant to student populations for whom English is a second language, and apply appropriate resolutions.

Students matriculating in Fall 2023 may choose to enroll in the on-campus or online option. Students matriculating in Fall 2024 or later may enroll in the online option.

Optional Dual Degrees

The Master of Arts program in School Counseling offers dual degree options. See School Counseling (https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/programs/school-counseling/) for additional information regarding these options.

Career Opportunities

A degree in counseling can open the door to a range of professional opportunities. Graduates of the school counseling or bilingual school counseling program move on to positions in elementary, middle, and high schools, working with students on school counseling-related issues.

Accreditation

This program is accredited by the Master's in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPACC) for 2015 through 2025. Graduates of this program meet the academic requirements for licensure in the state of New York. Each state sets its own policies, regulations, and standards for licensure. Students intending to pursue licensure in a state other than New York should consult the program’s Licensure page (https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/programs/school-counseling/licensure/) for more information on whether this program meets the academic requirements for licensure in that state and whether there is additional course work they may need to complete to meet that state's requirements.

Admissions

Admission to graduate programs in the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development requires the following minimum components:

- Résumé/CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Proficiency in English

See NYU Steinhardt’s Graduate Admissions website (https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/admissions/how-apply/graduate-students/) for additional information on school-wide admission. Some programs may require additional components for admissions.

See How to Apply (https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/online-ma-school-counseling-and-bilingual-school-counseling/how-apply/) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 48–51 credits, depending on chosen track.

School Counseling: K-12

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Total Credits 48
Indicates successful course completion required prior to internship.

## School Counseling: K-12 Bilingual Extension

### Course | Title | Credits
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**Foundational Courses**
APSY-GE 2138 | Human Growth and Development | 3
APSY-GE 2657 | Individual Counseling: Theory and Process | 3
APSY-GE 2658 | Lab in Individual Counseling Skills | 3
APSY-GE 2662 | Foundations of School Counseling | 3
APSY-GE 2650 | Professional Orientation and Ethics for School Counseling | 3
APSY-GE 2648 | Practicum in School Counseling | 3

### Major Requirements
**Intermediate Courses**
APSY-GE 2673 | Program Development and Evaluation in Counseling | 3
APSY-GE 2667 | Internship in School Counseling I | 2-3
APSY-GE 2668 | Internship in School Counseling II | 2-4
APSY-GE 2670 | Internship in School Counseling III | 2-3
APSY-GE 2673 | Assessment of Children and Adolescents | 3

### Other Requirements
TCHL-GE 2999 | Drug, Alcohol Ed/Child Abuse ID/School Violence/ DASA | 3
BILED-GE 2001 | Bilingual Multicultural Education: Theory and Practice | 3
APSY-GE 2055 | Child Language Development | 3
APSY-GE 2527 | The Development of Immigrant Origin Youth | 3
CPC Exam | | |

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51

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## Sample Plan of Study

### 1st Semester/Term
Course | Title | Credits
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APSY-GE 2662 | Foundations of School Counseling | 3
APSY-GE 2657 | Individual Counseling: Theory and Process | 3
APSY-GE 2658 | Lab in Individual Counseling Skills | 3
APSY-GE 2138 | Human Growth and Development | 3

### 2nd Semester/Term
Course | Title | Credits
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APSY-GE 2650 | Professional Orientation and Ethics for School Counseling | 3
APSY-GE 2648 | Practicum in School Counseling | 3
APSY-GE 2620 | Group Dynamics: Theory and Practice | 3
APSY-GE 2682 | Cross-Cultural Counseling | 3

### 3rd Semester/Term
Course | Title | Credits
--- | --- | ---
APSY-GE 2667 | Internship in School Counseling I | 2-3
APSY-GE 2663 | Program Development and Evaluation in Counseling | 3
APSY-GE 2070 | Research and Evaluation Methods in Behavioral Sciences | 3
Elective | | 3

### 4th Semester/Term
Course | Title | Credits
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APSY-GE 2668 | Internship in School Counseling II | 2-4
APSY-GE 2673 | Assessment of Children and Adolescents | 3
APSY-GE 2635 | Career Counseling | 3
Elective | | 3

### Total Credits
48

### Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Understand how socio-historical contexts and issues of power and privilege, including gender, race and ethnicity, class, and sexual orientation, and other intersectional identities influence the counseling process including intervention and assessment.

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3. Apply counseling theory and process to school-age children, adolescents, families, and community members through case conceptualization, application of counseling interventions, assessment, consultation, case conceptualization, social justice, and advocacy.

4. Critically examine student growth and development in relation to academic needs and understand how that knowledge contributes to the establishment of meaningful relationships with pre-K–12 children, teachers, family and community.

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6. Develop professional skills and values that support every student’s academic, career, personal, and social development using a data-driven school counseling practice.

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### Policies

#### Fieldwork Placement
Be advised that fieldwork placement facilities that provide training required for your program degree, and agencies that issue licenses for practice in your field of study, each may require you to undergo...
general and criminal background checks, the results of which the facility or agency must find acceptable before it will allow you to train at its facility or issue you a license. You should inform yourself of offenses or other facts that may prevent obtaining a license to practice in your field of study. NYU Steinhardt will not be responsible if you are unable to complete program requirements or cannot obtain a license to practice in your field because of the results of such background.

**NYU Policies**

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/).

**Steinhardt Academic Policies**

Additional academic policies can be found the Steinhardt academic policies page (https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/culture-education-human-development/academic-policies/).