

Admission Requirements for School Counselor Education Master's Degree Program

I. Admission Requirements for M.Ed. Programs

- _____ Apply online for admission at aum.edu
- _____ Submit official transcripts from each college or university attended
- _____ Minimum 2.50 GPA on degree-posted transcript
- _____ Satisfactory MAT or GRE test score
- _____ Satisfactory Formula admission score (determined by your Academic Advisor)
- _____ Admission interview
- _____ Recommendation of Counselor Education Admission Committee
- _____ Fingerprint Clearance

II. Specific to School Counselor Applicants

- _____ Traditional Option (see attached)
 - Form EXP
- _____ Expanded Option (see attached)
 - Passing score on all subtests of the basic skills Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP). The last testing date for this is June 9, 2017. Visit www.act.org/alabamaectp or call 1-800-294-2105 for more detailed information. (After June 9th, you will need to take all three sections of the Core Academic Skills Tests (Reading #5712, Writing #5722, Mathematics #5732). If you wish to take all three Core exams at the same time, select Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test #5751 when registering. For more information or to register visit: [https://www.ets.org/praxis/al/al_teacher_ed/School Counselor expanded](https://www.ets.org/praxis/al/al_teacher_ed/School_Counselor_expanded) Option only)

III. Portfolio Documents (The student must submit all documents that are included in a folder or binder at the same time.)

The following items must be delivered in person to your Academic Advisor in the College of Education (300A – Education) (Deadlines are: December 1 for Spring, May 1 for Summer and August 1 for Fall)

- _____ Three letters of recommendation on **company/school letterhead**
(One must be from a current or recent supervisor. For school counselor applicants, one must be from a current supervisor or principal. For students transferring from another graduate program, one letter must be from a professor from that program.)
- _____ Resume that includes:
 - Current contact information
 - Career goals and objectives
 - Education
 - Employment history

- Community and professional service

Applicants will be contacted to schedule the admission interview after the completed portfolio and all other documents have been submitted. If you have questions concerning the scheduling of the interview, please call (334) 244-3879.

**Traditional and Expanded Options
for the
Master’s Degree Program in School Counseling at Auburn Montgomery**

	Traditional Option	Expanded Option
Admission Requirements		
Bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. institution, or the equivalent from an international institution	Required	Required
Professional educator certificate	Required ¹	Not required
Clear background check	Required ²	Required
Passing score on the basic skills assessments of the Alabama Prospective Teacher Assessment Program (AECAP)	May be required ³	Required
Program Completion Requirements		
Completion of all course work with a minimum 3.25 overall GPA with no grade below C	Required	Required
Passing score on Praxis II test #0421	Required	Required
Satisfactory completion of comprehensive examinations	Required	Required
Additional Certification Requirements⁴		

¹ Individuals pursuing the traditional approach to school counseling certification must have a bachelor’s- or master’s-level professional educator certificate in a teaching field or master’s level professional educator certificate in another area of instructional support.

² Individuals who hold a valid Alabama professional educator certificate have already been fingerprinted and cleared through the ABI/FBI. Individuals who do not hold a valid Alabama professional educator certificate must be fingerprinted and cleared before being admitted into the Counseling program.

³ If an individual is admitted to an Alabama Class A program based on a bachelor’s- or master’s-level certificate from another state, completes a Class A program, and subsequently applies for Alabama certification at the Class A level, then the individual must apply for and obtain at least a Class B Professional Educator Certificate before applying for Class A certification. The ALSDE will evaluate the Class B application to determine if additional testing is required.

⁴ Certification requirements may be completed within 5 years after graduation, but must be completed and documented before the college’s Certification Officer can verify to Alabama or another state that a State-approved and CACREP-accredited program has been completed at an NCATE-accredited institution. Individuals seeking certification in states other than Alabama are responsible for contacting those state certification offices regarding school counseling certification requirements.

Two full years of full-time satisfactory educational experience	Required for AL certification	Not required for AL certification
Alabama Class B certification in a teaching field or Alabama Class A certification in another area of instructional support	Required for AL certification	Not required for AL certification
Passing score on National Counseling Examination (NCE)	Not required	Required