Program Overview

The recently-updated Master of Science Degree in Counseling with an emphasis in Student Affairs is designed to prepare effective professional counselors to work in student service positions within community colleges, college, and university settings.

The 5-semester unit program can be completed in as little as two years while attending full-time. The courses include counseling classes, specialty classes, and a 600-hour field experience lasting one year. All courses for the degree are conveniently offered weekdays after 5:00 pm on the Bakersfield campus.

Extensive field-based experience is woven throughout the curriculum. Examples of practicum and internship placements include: Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Student Activities, and Residential Life.

CSUB Advanced Education Faculty & Staff

- Dr. Yeunjoo Lee, Department Chair
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- Ryan Otawka, Department Coordinator
- Julia Bavier, Admissions and Graduation Advisor
M.S. in Counseling Program Requirements

Application And Admission
Applicants for admission in CSUB's Student Affairs Program MUST:

1. Complete a Bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA from an accredited university (or a minimum 3.0 graduate GPA after 15 or more units completed)

2. Successful completion of an approved undergraduate/graduate course in statistics with a grade of "C" or higher within 7 years of application to program.

3. Satisfy the Graduate Writing Requirement (GWAR) if not a CSU/UC graduate.

4. Submit a Graduate Admission Application to CSUB’s Office of Admissions and Records (submitted online at www2.calstate.edu/apply). When filling out the Graduate Application, apply as a Graduate with your objective: Student Affairs.

5. Obtain an application for the Educational Counseling Program from our EDCS Program Application Website.

6. Submit a completed Educational Counseling Program application with all of the required documents to the Student Affairs Submittal Portal in Box as one PDF document.

7. Check the status of your university and EDCS program application on myCSUB using your CSUB student ID number (assigned by Admissions and Records).

Year One (22 Units)
Required Courses (Fall)
EDCS 5160: Theories in Educational Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 5230: Student Affairs Practicum I (2 units)
EDCS 6170: Student Affairs Communication and Advising (3 Units)

Required Courses (Spring)
EDCS 5050: Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 5130: Multicultural Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 5150: Crisis Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 5240: Student Affairs Practicum II (2 units)

Year Two (Unit 23)
Required Courses (Fall)
EDCS 6110: Research and Evaluation in Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 6180: Student Affairs Special Topics (3 units)
EDCS 6260: Student Affairs Fieldwork I (4 units)

Required Courses (Spring)
EDCS 6150: Academic and Career Counseling (3 units)
EDCS 6190: Student Affairs Interventions and Support (3 units)
EDCS 6270: Student Affairs Fieldwork II (4 units)
EDCS 6330: Comprehensive Exam (3 units)

Typical Two-year Course of Study (Full-Time)
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Please Note: Program Requirements may change with new legislation and/or CCTC requirements