K-12 School Counseling Emphasis (M.A.)

Effect systemic change within your school as a data-driven and culturally-responsive professional school counselor

Make a difference with students and help impact their lives with an M.A. in Counseling (K - 12 School Counseling Emphasis). This online graduate degree prepares you to promote the academic, career, personal and social development of K-12 students.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Master's Degree  
Format: Online  
Est. time to complete: 2.5 years  
Credit hours: 60

Why Earn a Master's Degree in a K-12 School Counseling at UND?

Designed for working professionals, the online program prepares you to work as a school counselor. You'll graduate prepared to help students overcome obstacles and reach their academic and career goals.

Completion of coursework leads to eligibility for state department of education licensure in North Dakota and may be compatible with licensure requirements in other states.

Top Online Master's in School Counseling

- The Best Schools ranks the University of North Dakota as the #2 school on its Best Online Master's in School Counseling Programs list.
- College Values Online ranks UND's master's program #13 in the nation.
- Intelligent.com ranks UND's master's program #10 in the nation.

Accreditation by CAEP and Approved by ESPB

The online M.A. in Counseling (K-12 School Counseling Emphasis) program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), and approved by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices for School Counselor Competencies (ESPB).

Application Deadlines

Spring: Oct. 1

K-12 Counseling Overview

- Take classes with nationally recognized faculty who have diverse experiences working with children and adolescents in community and school settings.
- Learn to work effectively with educational and community stakeholders to facilitate positive systemic change.
- Build data-driven decision-making skills by completing a school-based scholarly project.
- Become a culturally responsive social justice advocate within your school community.
Jobs as a School Counselor

13%  Anticipated job growth for school and career counselors*
2nd  Among 20 Best Online Master’s in School Counseling Programs by The Best Schools

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Today’s school counselors are vital members of the education team. A M.A. in Counseling (K-12 School Counseling Emphasis) prepares you for a fulfilling career as a professional school counselor in a range of school settings, including:

- Elementary schools
- Middle schools
- High schools

If you do not want a master’s degree (credentials only), review the Counseling (K – 12 School Counseling Emphasis) Graduate Certificate program.