Specialty Area:

All doctoral students are expected to develop an area of professional counseling expertise. Students select a specialty from eight specialty areas. Students selecting the rehabilitation counseling specialty list the four specified courses (12 hours), all other students select three courses (9 hours) of which two courses (6 hours) must be Counseling (COUN) courses. Courses taken as required deficiencies and courses taken as part of a master’s degree will not count toward the specialty area. In addition, each student’s internship will be designed to provide additional experiences in their chosen area of specialization.

**This specialty area must be reflected on the degree plan**

Doctoral Specialty Areas:
Courses taken as required deficiencies and courses taken as part of a master’s degree will not count toward the specialty area.

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**Adolescent/Adult Counseling**
- COUN 5200 Counseling Adolescents
- COUN 5480 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning in Counseling
- COUN 5490 Abnormal Behavior: Effects of Trauma & Crisis Intervention
- COUN 5530 Animal-Assisted Therapy
- COUN 5580 Family Counseling
- COUN 5730 Appraisal in Adult Counseling
- COUN 5760 Child and Adolescent Appraisal
- PSYC 6410 Psychopathology and Treatment of Adolescents & Young Adults
- COUN 6900 Special Problems on related topic

**Career/Vocational Development**
- COUN 5470 Career Development and Information Resources
- PAIR 5870 Development of Human Resources
- PAIR 5880 Industrial Relations and Organizational Behavior
- PSYC 5230 Personnel Psychology
- COUN 6900 Special Problems on related topic

**College Counseling**
- EDHE 5110 Foundations of Student Development
- EDHE 5120 Student Development Programming
- COUN 5480 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning in Counseling
- COUN 5540 Women’s Emotional Health
- COUN 5610 Addiction Counseling
- PSYC 6410 Psychopathology and Treatment of Adolescents & Young Adults
- COUN 6900 Special Problems in College Counseling

**Couple and Family Counseling**
- COUN 5000 Filial/Family Therapy
- COUN 5580 Family Counseling
- COUN 5590 Couple Counseling
- PSYC 5350 Counseling for Sexual Dysfunction & Other Psychosexual Disorders
- COUN 6900 Special Problems on related topic

**Group Counseling**
- COUN 5640 Play-Based Group & Family Counseling
- COUN 6060 Personal Growth Laboratory
- COUN 6070 Practicum in Group Counseling
- COUN 6900 Special Problems on related topic

**Play Therapy**
- *COUN 5000 Filial/Family Therapy
- *COUN 5640 Play-Based Group & Family Counseling
- *COUN 6630 Advanced Play Therapy
- COUN 6900 Special Problems in Play Therapy
*These courses are required for Play Therapy specialty and are listed in preferred sequence of enrollment.

**School Counseling**
- COUN 5200 Counseling Adolescents
- COUN 5460 Program Dev, Leadership, & Ethics in School
- COUN 5770 Professional School Counseling
- COUN 5700 Introduction to Play Therapy
- COUN 5760 Child and Adolescent Appraisal
- COUN 6900 Special Problems on related topic