

Department of Counselor Education  
Northeastern Illinois University

Type 73 Certification for Alumni of the  
Master of Arts in Counseling Program

A plan of study to complete coursework to obtain Type 73 certification as a school counselor has been established for NEIU alumni who hold an M.A. in Counseling in any counseling sequence but school counseling and who are non-certified teachers (those who do not hold a current, valid Illinois teaching certificate). This is a service to counselor education alumni and not available to graduates from other institutions.

Before beginning coursework, each candidate must show evidence of

1. taking and passing the Illinois Test of Basic Skills (information at [www.icts.nesinc.com](http://www.icts.nesinc.com)). This is required by Illinois state law.
2. taking and passing a background check. (Background check forms can be found on the *Department Forms* link of the counselor education website).

After completing the Basic Skills Test and the background check, the candidate must complete the following required courses

EDFN 405	3 cr hrs	Development of Educational Thought
EDFN 406	3 cr hrs	Human Development & Learning
EDNF 407	3 cr hrs	Learning Theories & Educational Practice
SPED 404	3 cr hrs	Overview of the Field of Special Education
COUN 410	3 cr hrs	Seminar in School Counseling

These courses must be completed before taking

COUN 442	3 cr hrs	Practicum in School Counseling
COUN 462	3 cr hrs	Internship I: School Counseling
COUN 472	3 cr hrs	Internship II: School Counseling

In addition, special permission is required to register for EDFN 407 and COUN 410. Contact the Counselor Education Department at 773-442-5550 for instruction on how to register for these courses. Furthermore, some additional coursework may be required based on a review of the candidate's school transcripts.

To be able to register for the school practicum, the candidate first must complete an application to formally apply for practicum/internship. Applications for practicum/internship are available from the department or can be downloaded from the department website and must be signed by the candidate's school counseling advisor. Applications are due to the clinical coordinator November 1 of each year. Practicum will begin the following year in the fall term.

Practicum is a 100 hour experience that must be completed in a P-12 school setting. Each Internship course is a 300 hour experience that also must be completed in a P-12 setting. Practicum and Internship consist of 700 hours of documented field related experience. Additionally, candidates must pass the Illinois Guidance Test during their practicum/internship year. Practicum is held in the fall term; Internship I is held in the spring term; Internship II is held in the summer term.

For questions or further information regarding coursework to obtain Type 73 school counselor certification for non-certified teachers, please contact the appropriate school counseling advisor:

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