Northeastern ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education

Department of Counselor Education
Admission Application

Please direct any questions regarding your application to Counselor Education, 773-442-5550 or counsedu@neiu.edu.

Date_____

_____**Fall 2022:** All documents must be received in Graduate Admissions **on or before the March 15, 2022 application deadline** in order to attend the Pre-Admission Workshop (PAW), the final requirement before a review of your complete application. The PAW is outlined on page 2 of this application.

I. Applicant Information

Name_____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address_____
Address City, State, Zip

Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Email Address_____

II. Employment

Current Employment_____

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Address City, State, Zip

Work Telephone_____Work Email _____

Title/Position_____

III. Program Choice

My program emphasis will be (choose only one):

_____Clinical Mental Health Counseling _____Rehabilitation Counseling
_____Couple and Family Counseling _____School Counseling

Applicants to School Counseling: Do you hold a current, valid Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) (choose only one):

_____Yes _____No

If **Yes**, include a copy of your PEL in your application.

If **No**: Complete a state and federal fingerprint background check (see Counselor Education website for application).

IV. Work and Volunteer Experience

Attach a resume listing your work and volunteer experiences, beginning with the most recent. Indicate whether the experience was part-time or full-time.

V. Essay (this format should be substituted for the Statement of Goals and Objectives on the Graduate Programs application)

In order that we may better understand your interest in our program, please prepare a 2-3-page essay (typed and double-spaced; include your name and date on each page of your essay). Please respond to the following questions based on the specific program you are applying to (Clinical Mental Health, Couple and Family, Rehabilitation, or School Counseling):

1. What has inspired and/or maintained your interest in counseling?
2. What interests you in the specific counseling program for which you are applying?
3. Describe personal qualities and experiences you have had which you believe contribute to your ability to work with diverse populations.
4. What are your hopes about yourself as a graduate student and as a future counselor?
5. What are some possible barriers that may prevent you from successfully completing your graduate studies? What are your plans for working through these barriers?
6. What are your career goals in the counseling field and how will your graduate education in counseling assist you in achieving these goals?

   For applicants to rehabilitation counseling: In addition to addressing the above statements, the essay must address your experiences with, awareness of, and goals for working with persons with disabilities.

VI. Preadmission Workshop (PAW)

The final step in your application is attendance at the mandatory Preadmission Workshop (PAW). Select one from the two alternative dates:

Mandatory PAW for Fall 2022 (choose one date):
_____Wednesday, April 6, 2022 (6:00-8:30 pm)
_____Friday, April 8, 2022 (10:00 am to 12:30 pm)

Approximately two weeks after the application deadline, Counselor Education emails applicants to remind them of their PAW date. The email will indicate the location and other information regarding PAW attendance. If you miss a PAW date, your application will be retired. Should you still wish to apply to the program, you will need to reapply in full.

VII. If admitted to the program, are you more likely to attend (choose one):

___full-time (3 or 4 courses per semester)
___part-time (1 or 2 courses per semester)
___not sure

VIII. Checklist for application to all programs (Clinical Mental Health, Couple and Family, Rehabilitation, and School):

- ❑ Application for Admission to Graduate Programs (including $30 application fee)
- ❑ Counselor Education application
- ❑ Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- ❑ Two letters of recommendation
- ❑ Current Resume
- ❑ Essay
- ❑ School applicants only: If PEL: current license
- ❑ School applicants only: No PEL: state/federal fingerprint background check
- ❑ PAW date
- ❑ Optional: GRE (Graduate Record Exam) scores may be submitted by applicants with a lower GPA and/or as one measure in support of exceptionality

Submit all application materials to: Graduate Admissions and Records, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625, or upload all materials if you created an application portal.

Counselor Education application, resume, essay can also be emailed to Graduate Admissions, graduateadmissions@neiu.edu.

School Counseling applicants: for background check results: email to counsedu@neiu.edu.

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

The Department of Counselor Education expressly reserves the right to consider candidates for admission based on criteria in addition to the admission application. Specifically, the Department of Counselor Education may deny a student admission based on information that indicates the student lacks professional judgment or has exhibited behavior that calls into question the student's suitability for the counseling profession. Any student denied admission to the Department of Counselor Education may request review of the determination and will be afforded an opportunity to respond to the information upon which the decision is based.