

**Department of Counselor
Education Tenure-Track Position
Couple and Family Counseling**

Anticipated start date: Spring or Fall 2026

Rank: Assistant Professor (tenure track)

Salary: \$65,000-\$68,000

Position:

Northeastern Illinois University's Department of Counselor Education is seeking a full-time, tenure-track faculty member to join the Couple and Family Counseling program in the Department of Counselor Education. The ideal candidate will share the university's commitment to educating a racially, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse student population. Furthermore, the candidate will be committed to reflective, collaborative, and transformative practice.

University and College Background:

Founded in 1867, Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) enrolls about 5,700 students and is regarded as one of the most diverse public comprehensive universities in the Midwest. The Main Campus is located on 67 acres in a residential area on the Northwest Side of Chicago and two additional campuses are located in the Avondale and Bronzeville neighborhoods of Chicago. Since 1997, the U.S. Department of Education has designated NEIU a Hispanic-Serving Institution. NEIU offers more than 40 undergraduate degree and certificate programs and more than 50 graduate degree, certificate, licensure and endorsement programs. Read more about Northeastern Illinois University at www.neiu.edu.

The Goodwin College of Education (GCOE) enrolls approximately 1,200 students in nine undergraduate and twenty-one graduate degree programs spanning the areas of counselor education, educational leadership, teacher education, and community and health studies. With roots that trace back to the first teacher education institution in Chicago, the college today is one of the largest producers of diverse educators in Illinois and the Chicago area. Educator licensure programs are accredited by the [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation](#) (CAEP) and counseling programs have specialized accreditation through the [Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs](#) (CACREP). Read more about the college at www.neiu.edu/gcoe.

Department Background:

The Department of Counselor Education offers four master's level programs with emphasis in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Couple and Family Counseling, School Counseling, and Rehabilitation Counseling. The department is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout our scholarship, service, advocacy, leadership, mentorship, and teaching. Therefore, we seek candidates who have rich experiences in culturally relevant teaching, clinical practice, research, and service. We are dedicated to preparing counselors who are leaders and advocates for social justice and who provide professional counseling services to adults, children, youth, individuals, couples, groups, and families.

Department Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Department of Counselor Education at Northeastern Illinois University is to provide a quality graduate education in Clinical Mental Health, Couple and Family, Rehabilitation, and School Counseling. Through a reflective, collaborative pedagogical approach, graduate students acquire transformative as well as culturally-sensitive knowledge and skills that promote personal, interpersonal, and professional development. The program trains graduate students to become skilled counselors in a diverse and changing world.

Responsibilities:

- Teach graduate courses in the Couple and Family Counseling program, as well as across the graduate counseling curriculum
- Provide clinical supervision to Couple and Family Counseling students at NEIU's on-site counseling clinic
- Advise Couple and Family Counseling students
- Contribute to assessment, evaluation, and accreditation of Counselor Education programs
- Engage in on-going scholarly activity and disseminate research findings via presentations and publications
- Participate in Department, College, and University activities
- Participate in professional activities

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctoral degree from a CACREP-accredited, or COAMFTE-accredited Couple/Marriage/Medical Family Therapy program (ABD will be considered)
- Established Counselor Educator identity
- Professional LCPC/LMFT licensure or eligibility for licensure in the state of Illinois
- Evidence of research and scholarship productivity
- Previous Couple and Family and Clinical Mental Health counseling experience

Preferred Qualifications:

- Acquired LCPC or LMFT licensure in the state of Illinois
- Completion of a Certificate in Couple and Family Counseling if not having graduated from a CFC program
- Evidence of teaching effectiveness and ability to teach across core counseling courses
- Experience providing clinical supervision in an academic setting
- Demonstrated experience working with diverse individuals in teaching, counseling, and supervision
- Membership and involvement in professional organizations such as ACA, AAMFT, or ACES
- Experience advising graduate students
- Knowledge of CACREP-accreditation process

Deadline: Screening will begin immediately and will end when the position is filled.

Application: Please send a letter of application, CV, graduate transcripts, any relevant teaching evaluations, and the names of three references (including telephone numbers and e-mail) to: Dr. Shedeh Tavakoli, email: Stavakoli@neiu.edu.

Northeastern Illinois University welcomes candidates who will support our diverse and inclusive student community. Northeastern is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and invites applications from Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities, as well as other Qualified Individuals. Northeastern Illinois University's positions are contingent upon the University's receipt of its State of Illinois appropriation.