Department of Educational Studies

Counselor Education:
Doctoral Program

OBJECTIVES OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION

The Counselor Education doctoral program prepares counselors, counselor educators, supervisors, and scholars who seek leadership positions in the counseling profession. The doctoral program addresses the professional leadership roles of counselor education, supervision, advanced counseling practice, and research with competencies expected of doctoral graduates. Counselor Education doctoral students will have experiences that are designed to:

- Encourage the development of leadership skills and practices in counselor education, supervision, advanced counseling practice, and research;
- Develop areas of professional expertise;
- Develop collaborative relationships with program faculty and professionals in the community and nationally in teaching, supervision, research, professional writing, and service to the profession and the public;
- Foster participation in professional counseling organizations, including the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES), the American Counseling Association (ACA), and the American School Counselor Association (ASCA);
- Promote scholarly counseling research that contributes in meaningful ways to the knowledge base of the profession;
- Enhance critical thinking and critical evaluation skills; and
- Promote a commitment to the enhancement of human welfare and socially responsible action.