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This handbook provides an orientation for graduate students in the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services. While it attempts to explain some requirements and procedures of the graduate programs, it should be used in conjunction with The University of Georgia (UGA) Graduate Online Bulletin that outlines official policies of the Graduate School.

https://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/policies-procedures/graduate-bulletin/graduate-bulletin-a-c/
The Department of Counseling and Human Development Services

As one of nine departments within the College of Education (COE), the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services prepares counseling and student affairs professionals for a changing and increasingly complex world. Incorporating a combination of academic, clinical, and practical experiences, and the expertise of its faculty, the department maintains its perennial ranking by U.S. News and World Report as one of the nation’s top 5 graduate programs in its field.

The Department of Counseling and Human Development Services has the highest enrollment of graduate students at UGA. The department has a rich history of over fifty years service as a primary state, regional, and national training site for students who have pursued careers in counseling and related educational fields in settings as diverse as K–12 schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, clinics, community agencies, prisons, and state and federal government agencies.
The Department of Counseling and Human Development Services

The Department of Counseling and Human Development Services is responsible for administering nine curricular programs across three campuses:

Master’s Degree Programs

- College Student Affairs Administration
- Professional Counseling – Mental Health Counseling or School Counseling Specializations (M.Ed. and M.Ed./Ed.S.)

Educational Specialist’s Degree Program (Ed.S.)

- Professional School Counseling (Gwinnett)

Doctoral Degree Programs (Ph.D. or Ed.D.)

- Counseling and Student Personnel Services – College Student Affairs Administration Emphasis
- Counseling and Student Personnel Services – P-16 Emphasis (Gwinnett)
- Counseling Psychology
- Student Affairs Leadership (Griffin)
The Department of Counseling and Human Development Services

Students are assisted and directed throughout their programs of study by advisors and advisory committees. While the process of assigning advisors and advisory committees varies by program and by degree level, the goal is to provide students with personal assistance in program planning, monitoring, evaluation, and completion.

Enrollments are restricted in each program to ensure that instructional resources and clinical facilities are adequate and provide students an opportunity to learn in a supportive environment. Therefore, each program is able to build on the natural group dynamics of each cohort to help enhance the learning experience.

The intent of this document is as a departmental overview and should not be considered exhaustive or comprehensive. Individual program handbooks are provided to students for a more detailed description of each graduate program.
The Graduate School

All official guidelines pertaining to graduate study at The University of Georgia are established and administered by the Graduate School. The Graduate Bulletin is the official document that guides students throughout their tenure as graduate students at the University of Georgia. Although each academic program publishes its own student handbook for program-specific guidelines, the Graduate Bulletin serves as the students’ official handbook. After matriculation, students must adhere to official guidelines and deadlines of the Graduate School. Students are required to follow the specific policies and procedures of their degree program, as outlined in their program’s handbook and other related documents.

Applicants can find current issue information by searching for prefix “ECHD” at:

https://bulletin.uga.edu/CoursesHome.aspx

The Graduate Bulletin is located at:

https://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/policies-procedures/graduate-bulletin/graduate-bulletin-a-c/
Student Resources

Mailboxes

Graduate Students in all Athens campus programs have mailboxes in 408 Aderhold Hall. Students are responsible for checking their mail on a regular basis, and information that is routed among students must be passed on promptly.

Email

Every UGA student must register for a UGA MyID, which is the sign-on name used to access a wide range of online services at UGA, including email. Students can obtain a MyID at https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/myid. Students should become proficient with the UGA email since all program and departmental notices will be posted on email through your UGA account.

Computer Access and Copying

Students do not have access to department resources such as the copy machine or other office supplies unless directly related to a teaching assignment or if assisting faculty. Likewise, the staff offices are not to be entered or used without permission, and staff computers cannot be used for student purposes.
Student Resources (cont.)

The Office of Information Technology (OIT)

OIT provides computer facilities and other services for the College of Education. The main office for OIT is room 232 Aderhold. Their phone number is (706) 542-8007.

OIT maintains computer labs in Aderhold and River’s Crossing for students in the College of Education. Room 143 in River’s Crossing and room 227 in Aderhold have Windows-based computers. Aderhold room 228 offers Mac computers. There’s a per-page charge for printing on the laser jet printers. These computers access many different software programs including Microsoft Office, WordPerfect, SPSS, SAS, SYSTAT, email, the internet, and many electronic library databases. There are other computer labs across campus operated by the University Computing Network Service.

A schedule is posted outside the doors of the computer labs indicating times when faculty have reserved the lab for classroom use; during these times the room will not be open to other students. Please check this schedule so you are not disturbed unexpectedly when a class requires full use of a lab. A lab attendant has an office near the computer lab and, if available, can assist with computer problems. However, students are responsible for learning the software programs.
Student Resources (cont.)

Libraries

The College Student Affairs Administration program maintains a journal collection in 413 Aderhold. Material should not be removed without permission of a faculty or staff member. Most material can also be found at the UGA Main Library. Students are encouraged to tour the UGA libraries and become familiar with their services.

Many resources in the UGA libraries can be accessed through two on-line programs. The first is GIL, which allows you to search the library catalog for materials in libraries. And the second is GALILEO, which incorporates a growing list of electronic databases, some of which have on-line abstracts or full text of articles. GIL and GALILEO can be accessed from the computer labs, computers in the libraries, or the internet (some of the GALILEO databases are restricted to on-campus use only). Other useful references available on the internet are indexed at the references library home page:

https://www.libs.uga.edu/
Registration

Registration typically begins prior to the end of the semester. The registration calendar can be found at https://reg.uga.edu/general-information/calendars/. Prior to the registration dates, students meet with their advisors/major professors to fill out yellow advisement forms. Nikki Bridges, located in 408B Aderhold, will use the forms to clear students for registration. Once cleared to register, students go to Athena (https://athena.uga.edu) to complete the registration process. If you have any problems registering, contact Nikki Bridges nikkiw@uga.edu.

Graduate Student Healthcare

Specific information on the health insurance plans can be found at the University Healthcare website:

https://hr.uga.edu/students/student-health-insurance/

Students are required to have health insurance. This website will cover all up-to-date information about health insurance for graduate students. It is your responsibility to comply with the regulations.
University of Georgia students have the right to appeal academic decisions. Usually the appeal goes first to the unit responsible for the decision, for example, grades to the faculty members who assigned the grades; department requirements to the department; college or school requirements to the school; university requirements to the Educational Affairs Committee. An unfavorable ruling at one level can be appealed to the successive levels. A faculty decision can be appealed to the department; a department ruling can be appealed to the college in which the instructional unit is located; a college-level ruling can be appealed to the Educational Affairs Committee; the Educational Affairs Committee ruling can be appealed to the President of the University; and, except for grade appeals, the President's ruling can be appealed to the Board of Regents.

Additional details on appeals of academic matters, including special provisions for appeals in academic dishonesty cases, can be obtained from the Office of the Vice President for Instruction (https://honesty.uga.edu/Student-Appeals/#student-academic-appeals).

Visit https://coe.uga.edu/academics/appeals for additional information concerning appeals.
Grade Appeals

Any student who believes that he or she received an incorrect or unfair grade due to factual error, improper or unprofessional bias, or evaluation different from the stated course objectives/criteria or other public criteria, may appeal the grade. Grades are appealed within the department and college in which they are earned, not in the department and college in which the student's major resides.

Exception: Grade appeals, when a grade of I (Incomplete) has lapsed to a grade of F, must go directly to the UGA Educational Affairs Committee. Please note that all grade appeals must be initiated within one calendar year from the end of the term in which the grade was recorded.

Appeal route for graduate students:
1. Instructor
2. Department Head*
3. Dean's Office
4. Graduate School
5. UGA Educational Affairs Committee*
6. UGA President
7. Board of Regents

*Prior to review at each of these levels, the faculty member who assigned the student's final grade will receive a copy of the student's letter of appeal and be given the opportunity to provide a response for those reviewing the appeal.
Department Research Pool

The Department of Counseling and Human Development Services (CHDS) has a research pool that graduate students and faculty can use to conduct empirical research (e.g., for publishable papers, dissertation, and other research purposes).

The CHDS Research Pool (CHDS-RP) operates during the fall and spring semesters only, with the specific dates of operation set at the beginning of each new academic year. The research pool is populated by undergraduate students who are enrolled in selected classes of the Department’s undergraduate course offerings. The pool typically contains 180-220 students each semester. Students in the pool are required to complete 3.0 hours of research or, alternatively, to write article summaries to fulfill the requirement. Dr. Alan E. Stewart (aeswx@uga.edu) is the coordinator of the CHDS-RP.

Students or faculty who desire to use the research pool must first have their research approved by the University of Georgia Institutional Review Board (IRB, https://gear.ovpr.uga.edu/applications-and-databases/irb-portal/). Once the project has been approved, researchers can then apply to use the CHDS-RP by completing this online form: https://ugeorgia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bqjg6x3sleEqzel.
Department Research Pool (cont.)

Alternatively, researchers can email the CHDS-RP coordinator and request a word-formatted version of this form to complete and submit. Researchers should submit the researcher request form, along with their approval letter from the IRB, a copy of the informed consent, and debriefing statement (if applicable) to Dr. Stewart (CHDS-RP Coordinator, aeswx@uga.edu). The coordinator will then set up the study on the online platform for research opportunities (Sona Systems) and provide the research with Sona Systems accounts for accessing their research (i.e., to post sign-ups, etc.). The coordinator will also work with researchers to get their studies up and running in Sona.

Researchers should keep the following in mind before applying to use the pool:

- All research using the CHDS-RP must be approved first by the UGA IRB.

- Projects should be of reasonable length and in no case longer than 2.0 hours (credits).

- Projects should be reasonable in scope with regard to the number of participants requested. Projects requiring more than 100 – 150 participants may well take more than one semester to complete.
Department Research Pool (cont.)

- The CHDS-RP strives to offer students a variety of options and modalities for participation. In-lab / in-person studies are good ways to introduce students to the research process and to help them learn something as a result of their participation.

- Researchers designing online studies (i.e., surveys) are strongly encouraged to use the Qualtrics platform. Faculty and students in the College of Education have free access to a full-feature version of Qualtrics after obtaining a Qualtrics account by submitting a request at https://coe.uga.edu/intranet/resources/Qualtrics. Researchers considering platforms other than Qualtrics should consult with Dr. Stewart first before getting their research approved by the IRB because modifications may be needed to use non-Qualtrics platforms.

- The pool operates on a first-come, first-served basis for researchers each semester. Projects that begin later in a semester may not be completed if an insufficient number of participants remain.

- Researchers who do not comply with CHDS-RP procedures may have their access to the pool restricted or removed.
Academic Honesty

Students are expected to adhere to the ethical principles outlined by the American Counseling Association and the policies delineated in the University of Georgia’s Student Code of Conduct.

UGA Statement of Academic Honesty

UGA’s Honor Code:
“I will be academically honest in all of my academic work and will not tolerate academic dishonesty of others.”

Academic honesty means performing all academic work without plagiarism, cheating, lying, tampering, stealing, receiving unauthorized or illegitimate assistance from any other person, or using any source of information that is not common knowledge.

Prohibited Conduct
No student shall perform, attempt to perform, or assist another in performing any act of dishonesty on academic work to be submitted for academic credit or advancement.
A student does not have to intend to violate the honesty policy to be found in violation. For example, plagiarism, intended or unintended, is a violation of this policy.

**Examples of Academic Dishonesty.** The following acts by a student are examples of academically dishonest behavior:

a. **Plagiarism** - Submission for academic advancement the words, ideas, opinions or theories of another that are not common knowledge, without appropriate attribution to that other person. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, the following acts when performed without appropriate attribution:
   
i. Directly quoting all or part of another person's written or spoken words without quotation marks, as appropriate to the discipline;
   
ii. Paraphrasing all or part of another person's written or spoken words without notes or documentation within the body of the work;
Academic Honesty (cont.)

ii. Presenting an idea, theory or formula originated by another person as the original work of the person submitting that work;

iii. Repeating information, such as statistics or demographics, which is not common knowledge and which was originally compiled by another person;

iv. Purchasing (or receiving in any other manner) a term paper or other assignment that is the work of another person and submitting that term paper or other assignment as the student’s own work.

b. Unauthorized assistance - Giving or receiving assistance in connection with any examination or other academic work that has not been authorized by an instructor. During examinations, quizzes, lab work, and similar activity, students are to assume that any assistance (such as books, notes, calculators, and conversations with others) is unauthorized unless it has been specifically authorized by an instructor.
Examples of prohibited behavior include, but are not limited to, the following when not authorized:

i. Copying, or allowing another to copy, answers to an examination;

ii. Transmitting or receiving, during an examination, information that is within the scope of the material to be covered by that examination (including transmission orally, in writing, by sign, electronic signal, or other manner);

iii. Giving or receiving answers to an examination scheduled for a later time;

iv. Completing for another, or allowing another to complete for you, all or part of an assignment (such as a paper, exercise, homework assignment, presentation, report, computer application, laboratory experiment, or computation);

v. Submitting a group assignment, or allowing that assignment to be submitted, representing that the project is the work of all of the members of the group when less than all of the group members assisted substantially in its preparation;
Academic Honesty (cont.)

vi. Unauthorized use of a programmable calculator or other electronic device.

c. **Lying/Tampering** - Giving any false information in connection with the performance of any academic work or in connection with any proceeding under this policy. This includes, but is not limited to:
   
i. Giving false reasons (in advance or after the fact) for failure to complete academic work. This includes, for example, giving false excuses to an instructor or to any University official for failure to attend an exam or to complete academic work;
   
ii. Falsifying the results of any laboratory or experimental work or fabricating any data or information;
   
iii. Altering any academic work after it has been submitted for academic credit and requesting academic credit for the altered work, unless such alterations are part of an assignment (such as a request of an instructor to revise the academic work);
Academic Honesty (cont.)

iv. Altering grade, lab, or attendance records. This includes, for example, the forgery of University forms for registration in or withdrawal from a course;

v. Damaging computer equipment (including removable media such as disks, CD's, flash drives, etc.) or laboratory equipment in order to alter or prevent the evaluation of academic work, unauthorized use of another's computer password, disrupting the content or accessibility of an Internet site, or impersonating another to obtain computer resources;

vi. Giving or encouraging false information or testimony in connection with academic work or any proceeding under this policy;

vii. Submitting for academic advancement an item of academic work that has been submitted (even when submitted previously by that student) for credit in another course, unless done pursuant to authorization from the instructor supervising the work or containing fair attribution to the original work.
d. **Theft** - Stealing, taking or procuring in any other unauthorized manner (such as by physical removal from a professor's office or unauthorized inspection of computerized material) information related to any academic work (such as exams, grade records, forms used in grading, books, papers, computer equipment and data, and laboratory materials and data).

e. **Other** - Failure by a student to comply with a duty imposed under this policy. However, no penalty is imposed under this policy for failure to report an act of academic dishonesty by another or failure to testify in an academic honesty proceeding concerning another. Any behavior that constitutes academic dishonesty is prohibited even if it is not specifically listed in the above list of examples.

For more information, please see https://honesty.uga.edu/
Financial Support

Enrollment for Graduate Assistantships

UGA requires that any student on a 1/3 time assistantship or greater must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours during the funded terms. If an assistantship runs through the summer, students need to register for 9 hours during the summer session. All students on assistantships should register for ECHD 7005 (master’s students) or ECHD 9005 (doctoral students) each semester. Each of these specific courses serve as a mechanism to account for the teaching and learning associated with assistantship activities. These hours do not count toward completion of graduation requirements and cannot be used on your program of study; however, you may have periodic meetings called throughout the semester associated with your registration for these credit hours. In some instances, students who have teaching assistantships will register for teaching related courses as well.

Other Financial Aid

The Graduate Bulletin lists other sources of scholarships and financial aid. In addition, UGA participates in federal assistance programs, including grants and work-study for qualified students. Visit https://osfa.uga.edu/ or contact the Office of Student Financial Aid in the Academic Building at (706) 542-8208 for further assistance.
Financial Support (cont.)

The Student Employment Office offers assistance for students who seek employment on campus or in the local community. Visit their website at https://tate.uga.edu/jobs/ or contact them at (706) 542-3375.

COE also offers scholarships. For further information, visit their website at https://coe.uga.edu/students/financial-aid or contact the Student Services Office at (706) 542-1717.

Graduate Travel Support

The Department of Counseling & Human Development Services (CHDS) has the opportunity to award students limited travel funding for travel related to their program. Funding supports travel to professional conferences at which students have had proposals accepted for presentation. The applicants should meet with the departmental accountant to complete a Travel Authority to be submitted with proof of acceptance to present and an abstract of the paper. The maximum award will be limited to $150, based on factors such as prevailing costs at the meeting site, distance traveled to the site, and whether the meeting is national or regional. Doctoral students will receive priority.
Financial Support (cont.)

The Graduate School offers travel funding for students who present research at meetings or conferences of regional or national importance. These awards are competitive and not all who are presenting receive funding. Students interested in applying for Graduate School travel funds should contact Nikki Bridges.

The travel funding packet should be submitted to Nikki Bridges at least two weeks before the Graduate School’s deadline. Incomplete or misrepresented information will not be submitted. More information regarding this travel funding can be found at:

http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/current-students/financial-information/travel-funding/

The College of Education’s Research Office is offering travel funding to encourage COE students to grow professionally by encouraging them to write and present, on a first author basis, at major significant conferences. All requests are to be submitted to the departmental accountant at least one week before the application deadline.
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Introduction

Overview
The School Counseling Dual Degree (M.Ed./Ed.S) Program at The University of Georgia is housed within the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services in the College of Education. The program is 66 semester hours and utilizes a cohort model in which students progress through the program concurrently, take virtually all classes together, and complete the coursework in two calendar years (6 consecutive semesters, including summers). Students are admitted to the School Counseling M.Ed./Ed.S. program one time per year, with application deadlines in December and classes commencing in June.

The School Counseling Program prepares individuals who want to work as school counselors in public elementary, middle and secondary schools. The School Counseling program at The University of Georgia follows a scholar-practitioners-advocate model, meaning that graduated prepare to build and coordinate data-driven, evidence-based, comprehensive school counseling programs that are developmentally appropriate and accessible to all students, while being particularly responsive to underserved populations.

The program is consistently recognized as one of the top school counseling programs nationally, and graduates of the program qualify for initial certification as a school counselor by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (S-5). Additionally, students complete the academic requirements for state licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). (Post-degree supervision is also required for licensure).

Mission
The mission of the program is to prepare school counselors to work in elementary, middle, and secondary schools who are educational leaders and self-reflective practitioners; who serve as advocates for all students; who understand and apply principles of group work in building school and community partnerships; and who accept responsibility for improving educational practices through an active program of research and evaluation.

Program Objectives
The School Counseling Program Objectives are:
1. To develop candidates’ awareness of their own cultural values and beliefs, as well as understanding and respecting the values and beliefs of all individuals.
2. To develop candidates’ cultural competence and responsiveness to promote educational equity and social justice in a variety of school settings.
3. To develop candidates’ individual and group counseling skills, and skills related to the development and implementation of the school counseling classroom curriculum
4. To develop candidates’ leadership, advocacy, and collaboration skills to address systemic barriers to learning for all P-12 students.
5. To develop candidates’ knowledge and skills for using appropriate data to design, implement, and evaluate comprehensive school counseling programs, including the integration of evidence-based practices.
Model
The model for school counseling preparation and practice used by the Dual Degree M.Ed./Ed.S program is based on five components of school counselor competence. Graduates will have sound knowledge of and strong skills in the following areas:

- Counseling and program coordination
- Educational leadership
- Advocacy
- Team building and collaboration
- Use of data to advocate for underserved student populations

Unique Features of the School Counseling Program

Cohort Model
A select class of students is admitted once per year and starts the program during the summer semester (June). This student group, or cohort, progresses through the program together, takes almost all classes together, and participates in clinical experiences and supervision together. We use the cohort model for two important reasons. First, intentionally selecting a group of students with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives allows students to learn from each other, as well as program faculty as they interact with the content and hear how others connect what they are learning to their own experiences. Second, the cohort provides a built-in system of challenge, encouragement, and support for the duration of the program and post-graduation. Each cohort develops its own unique style and approach to collective encouragement and support, and we expect our students to be intentional about building respectful relationships with all cohort members in order to get the most out of the program and to carry that encouraging relationship and support with them as they enter the workforce as professional school counselors.

Intentional Focus on Multiculturalism and Social Justice
Graduates from the UGA School Counseling program are prepared to accurately assess, understand, and address the various developmental and contextual needs of all PK-12 students. Towards this end, issues of multiculturalism and social justice are a focus of our program coursework, as well as the faculty research interests. Students take their first cross-cultural foundations class in their first semester, and themes of multiculturalism and social justice are woven throughout the curriculum. Furthermore, program faculty commit to selecting a group of students each year who come from a variety of backgrounds and have a rich diversity of experiences and perspectives. Our goal is to create a diverse cohort of individuals who each possess a deep commitment to self-reflective and interpersonal learning and an equally strong interest in developing the personal and professional competencies that can make a positive difference in the lives of students, schools, and communities.

Faculty Leadership
The faculty is comprised of recognized leaders in the profession. Each of the school counseling program faculty members has served in leadership positions in professional organizations at the local and national levels. Faculty members also have a strong record of significant contributions to the professional literature in the form of journal articles, book chapters, and textbooks. Moreover, faculty members present regularly at local, regional, national, and international professional conferences. This commitment to regional and national leaderships can provide
opportunities for graduate students to participate on research teams, and gives them the potential to present and publish with faculty and other graduate students.

Collaborative Partnerships
The school counseling program maintains strong collaborative partnerships with local educators and school systems. These collaborative relationships have been developed intentionally and play a significant role in the design, execution, and ongoing evaluation of the school counseling program. The Classic City Counselors Collaborative is one such group, comprised of school counselors and school counseling leadership in Clarke County and UGA school counseling students and faculty. The purpose of this group is to promote professional development while attending to emerging needs of school counselors and their students in Clarke County. Additionally, the program maintains strong collaborative relationships with several other local school districts and regularly utilizes these relationships for collaborative professional development, as well as provides sites for UGA school counseling program practica and internships. Further, school counselors and district supervisors from the Atlanta area and North Georgia regularly serve as guest speakers, adjunct professors, research partners, and supervisors for the school counseling program.

Program Curriculum and Requirements for Successful Completion and Graduation
Students entering the dual degree M.Ed./Ed.S. program in school counseling at The University of Georgia must have obtained a bachelor’s degree, complete the application process and be approved by the Graduate School, and must participate in an on-campus face-to-face interview with program faculty. There are no expected or preferred undergraduate majors, and no teaching or other educational experience is required to be admitted to the school counseling program, although experience working with children and adolescents, experience working in multicultural settings, and experience in leadership roles are valued.

The school counseling program is designed to prepare professionals to work in p-12 school settings, and the curriculum is specifically designed to help students acquire the knowledge and competencies necessary to be effective professional school counselors and help all students successfully navigate the p-12 educational system and be prepared for post-secondary success. The school counseling program coursework meets the requirements for initial certification as a professional school counselor in the state of Georgia, set by the Professional Standards Commission for the state of Georgia and is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Students proceed through the program as a cohort, completing the required course of study in six consecutive semesters, including summers, over two calendar years. The program starts in the summer semester of 2018 and concludes at the end of spring semester, 2020. The program is full-time, with required courses offered during the day and some evenings. The curriculum consists of 66 semester hours of academic credit, including 100 clock hours of practicum and 600 hours of internship experience in a school setting. Students earn both a Masters of Education (M.Ed.) in school counseling and an Education Specialist degree (Ed.S.) concurrently at graduation.
M.Ed./Ed.S. Dual Degree Program Overview

Program of Study
In order to submit your official final Program of Study to the Graduate School, you will need to visit https://gradstatus.uga.edu/Forms/G138. You’ll need to log in using your MyID. Mrs. Bridges will work with you to make certain that everything is correct. You must take every course that you list on your program of study, so it must be exactly correct.

The Program of Study has several core features, including CACREP core content areas, CACREP specialty content areas (School Counseling), program electives, and Clinical Experiences.

M.Ed./Ed.S. Core Content Courses
The content courses listed below are designed to ensure that graduates students have the basic knowledge and skills to enter into the field and be successful school counselors. The courses also prepare students to take the GACE specialty exam in school counseling for certification in the state of Georgia and the National Counselors Exam (NCE) as part of the application for an LPC in the state of Georgia. The course content listed below meets the standards across the eight common core areas identified by CACREP, as well as the GaPSC academic requirements for licensure.

- ECHD 7500 Foundations of School Counseling
- ECHD 9710 Ethics and Professional Issues
- ECHD 7060 Cross Cultural
- ECHD 8100 Developmental Counseling
- ECHD 7050 Career Development
- ECHD 6020 Interpersonal Relationships
- ECHD 7040 Counseling Theories
- ECHD 7080 Group Counseling
- ECHD 7010 Individual Appraisal
- ERSH 7920 Research
- ECHD 8030 Psychodiagnosis
- ECHD 8020 Seminar in School Counseling
- ECHD 6000 Service Learning
- ECHD 8050 Counseling Children and Adolescents
- ECHD 8150 Counseling Children and Families
- ECHD 9650 Consultation
- ECHD 8680 Supervision

Practicum
Practicum is a 100-hour, semester long field placement in a local school. 40 of the 100 hours on-site must be spent providing direct counseling services to students (e.g., individual counseling, group counseling, classroom lessons). Practicum students receive supervision of their clinical work from site supervisors (practicing school counselors), as well as doctoral student supervisors.
and university supervisors (course instructors). Practicum is completed during the first spring semester and is worth 3 credit hours. Successful completion of practicum is a prerequisite for internship.

**ECHD M.Ed/Ed.S Dual Degree Program Sequence 2019-2021 Cohort**

1st Summer (12 required hours)
- ECHD 7500- Foundations of School Counseling
- ECHD 7060- Cross Cultural Counseling
- ECHD 6020- Interpersonal Relationships (Counseling Skills)
- ECHD 9710- Ethics and Professional Issues

1st Fall (12 required hours)
- ECHD 7040- Counseling Theories
- ECHD 7010- Appraisal
- ECHD 8020- Seminar in School Counseling
- ECHD 6050S- Service -Learning (EYP)

1st Spring (12 required hours)
- ECHD 8100- Developmental Counseling
- ECHD 7700- Counseling Practicum
- ECHD 7080- Group Counseling
- ECHD 7050- Career Development and Interventions

2nd Summer (9 required hours)
- ECHD 8030- Psychodiagnosis
- ECHD 8050- Counseling Children and Adolescents
- ECHD 8150- Family Counseling

2nd Fall (9 required hours)
- ECHD 7920- Research in Education
- ECHD 7850- Internship in School Counseling
- ECHD 9650- Consultation in P-12 Settings (Gwinnett course)

2nd Spring (6 required hours)
- ECHD 7850- Internship in School Counseling
- ECHD 8680- Supervision (Gwinnett course)

Total- 60 hours
Electives- additional 6 hours
*Need SPED 2000 prior to 2nd summer (not included in 66 hours)

**Suggested Elective choices**
- ECHD 8125 (Health Psychology, required for the HRSA fellowship program)
- Expressive Arts
- Addictions (Drug and Alcohol)
- Marriage and Family Certificate courses
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate courses
- Related Courses in Ed Leadership, Special Education, Gifted Education, and Social Work
- Internship
Internship is a 600-hour placement that spans across an academic calendar year (e.g., starting in fall semester and running through spring semester). Students must accrue 300 hours per semester, and 120 of those 300 hours must be spent providing direct services to students (e.g., individual counseling, group counseling, or classroom lessons). Interns receive individual supervision of their clinical work from site supervisors (practicing school counselors) and group supervision from a university supervisor (doctoral student in counselor education and supervision and/or program faculty) as part of the internship course. Internship is worth 3 credit hours each semester, for a total of 6 hours.

Practicum and Internship Placement
Students will submit requests for both practicum placement and internship placement to the Clinical Coordinator. The students are able to identify preferences for school level, school district, and can identify other factors (geography, special populations, etc.). The clinical coordinator will work collaboratively with UGA College of Education Field Placement office and school district representatives to identify potential sites and supervisors, based on supervisor eligibility and experience, school needs, and practicum/internship student requests. When placements are secured through the College of Education representatives, students will be notified of their site and given supervisor contact information. It is then the responsibility of the student to make contact with site supervisors.

Comprehensive Examination
School Counseling students are required to pass a comprehensive examination administered in the late fall (November) of their second year (during internship). The comprehensive exam is designed to provide students the opportunity to integrate and synthesize the knowledge their learning from their classes and any research or professional development opportunities. The UGA School Counseling Program uses the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) as the comprehensive exam, and students must score above the national average to be considered to “pass.” Students who do not pass the comprehensive exam will meet with program faculty representatives to discuss a remediation plan. Decisions regarding the specifics of the remediation plan will be made by program faculty and on a case-by-case basis. Students who do not successfully complete the remediation plan by the end of spring semester will not graduate at that time.

Graduation, Certification, and Employment
Graduation
In order to graduate, students must:
- successfully complete all coursework;
- successfully complete both clinical experiences (practicum and internship);
- pass the comprehensive exam.

Students must submit an application to graduate to the Graduate School the semester before they intend to graduate. Information regarding applying for graduation through the Graduate School can be found at: https://gradschoolforms.webapps.uga.edu/form_types/1
The program coordinator and Mrs. Nikki Bridges will review this information and help initiate applications for graduation during internship class the fall before graduation. Any additional questions can be sent to Mrs. Bridges (nikkiw@uga.edu).

Certification
The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) requires the following for initial certification as a professional school counselor in the state of Georgia:
- Successful completion of the specified coursework and field work experiences in an M.Ed. Program;
- Successful completion an Exceptional Children’s course (SPED 2000);
- Passing score on the counseling sections of the GACE;
- Demonstration of technological competence.

Students graduating from the dual degree M.Ed./Ed.S. program in school counseling at UGA will have met the coursework and field experiences identified by the GaPSC. Although the SPED 2000 course is not part of the program of study, students who have not taken the course previously must pass that class prior to their second summer in order to apply for state licensure.

Students are expected to take the Georgia Assessment for the Certification of Educators (GACE) School Counseling Assessment during their second year in the program. Most students choose to take it during spring semester.

The Student Services Office works collaboratively with Program Faculty to ensure that all requirements for certification are fulfilled and to provide an opportunity for students to complete necessary paperwork prior to graduation. For all certification questions, please contact Ms. Kate Character in the COE’s Student Services Office (ellakate@uga.edu).*

*Please note that the GACE and the CPCE are two separate but required examinations.
- A passing score on the CPCE is required for graduation.
- A passing score on the GACE is required for certification.

Employment
Program faculty in the school counseling program work collaboratively with representatives from the University of Georgia Career Center to help students prepare for applying for employment in local school districts during the spring of their final year. Through the internship class, students will have the opportunity to attend resume and cover letter workshops, participate in mock interviews, learn how to apply for positions via school district websites, and have the opportunity to talk with recent graduates and representatives from local districts about the application and interview process. The job search process will begin during the graduate students’ final semester (second spring) and may go throughout the summer. However, it is important for students to remember that all professional experiences and opportunities where students interact with professional school counselors and district representatives are important parts of the job search process. Therefore, students should remember to act professionally during classes where guest speakers are present, interactions during Clarke County Counselors’ Collaborative meetings, Georgia School Counseling Association Conference and other professional development opportunities, and all practicum and internship experiences.
Students and Faculty Responsibilities, Expectations, and Resources

Student Activities
Graduate students in the school counseling program are strongly encouraged to join professional organizations that align with their career goals, including the Georgia School Counselor Association (GSCA), the American School Counseling Association (ASCA), and American Counseling Association (ACA), as well as any divisions of ACA that are relevant to their professional interests. Students are also encouraged to participate, either through attending or presenting, in the conferences sponsored by the above organizations and other relevant conferences, including the Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference (EBSCC).

Students are also automatically granted membership in the University of Georgia School Counselor Association, a student-led organization that promotes professional development within the school counseling profession and assists with the orientation of new students to school counseling program.

Professional Development
Students are encouraged to attend a variety of professional development opportunities offered through the College of Education encompassing a variety of educational and social topics. Of particular relevance to the school counseling students are opportunities provided by the College of Education Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This office provides a numerous relevant educational opportunities, including a speaker series, affinity groups, and training workshops.

Additionally, students often participate in a number of service and research projects sponsored by program faculty, including Dr. Deryl Bailey’s Empowered Youth Programs, Dr. Daigle’s Linking Integrated Health Networks for Kids in Schools (LIHNKS), Dr. McMahon’s Innovative School Counseling Research Network, or Dr. Giordano’s Addictions Counseling Research Team (ACRT).

Student and Faculty Expectations
The success of the School Counseling M.Ed. program at the University of Georgia is dependent upon the working relationship between the faculty and students within the program. In order to ensure continued success, the School Counseling program faculty maintain high expectations for themselves and expect students in the program to aspire to the highest standards, as well. To that end, the following guidelines governing student and faculty responsibilities are provided here.

Students are expected to:
• Be dedicated to learning and be willing to put forth the effort necessary to excel. Students are expected to take advantage of as many professional learning experiences as possible. Furthermore, students are expected to become active members of professional associations by becoming members, attending and submitting program proposals for conferences and other professional growth forums, and volunteering for special projects and research activities. Students are also expected to attend out-of-class events. This not only fosters relationships with peers, but with faculty members and other professionals, as well.

• Provide support for and give honest feedback to members of their cohorts.
• Be self-motivated and seek assistance when it is needed.

• Attend all classes and be prompt. Being on time for class is a sign of respect for the instructor and other members of the class, and it facilitates the continuity of instruction.

• Read all assigned material and review any supplemental material prior to the designated class and come to class prepared with questions and topics for discussion.

• Submit written assignments and projects by the specified deadline.

• Work collaboratively with faculty and peers and support others in their efforts to learn. Excessive competition among students is counterproductive to the tenets of the cohort model and can interfere with learning and lower morale.

• Ascribe to a philosophy of lifelong learning, which is evidenced by going beyond minimum expectations and course requirements.

• Adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity and professional ethics. The principles outlined in the University of Georgia’s Code of Conduct and the ethical guidelines delineated by the American Counseling Association apply to all students in the School Counseling M.Ed. program.

• Exercise professionalism at all times, whether in class, on campus, at professional meetings or conferences, or at practicum and internship sites. Appropriate dress, behavior, and use of technology are all included under professional behavior, as is following appropriate professional ethical codes and dispositions consistent with professional school counseling.

• Exhibit loyalty to the program and individuals associated with it. If a student has a concern with or criticism of the program, other students, or faculty, the issue should be dealt with within the program, following the grievance process outlined later in the student handbook.

**Students can expect the Professional School Counseling faculty to:**

• Maintain the highest standards of professional integrity and ethics as outlined by the American Counseling Association, the American School Counseling Association, and the University of Georgia.

• Be reasonably available to students for consultation and advisement. The best way for students to communicate with a specific faculty member is to make an appointment in advance. Email is generally the best way to contact faculty.

• Be prepared to participate in and contribute meaningfully to class.

• Set high standards for academic performance, professional behavior, and personal development and to provide support when requested.
• Demonstrate respect for all students and work to help students develop into competent professional school counselors.

• Be involved in professional organizations at the local, state, regional, and/or national level, thereby giving the program and students in the program visibility and recognition.

• Conduct research and publish findings.

• Support students in their quest for internships and professional positions after completing the program and throughout their careers as information becomes available.

• Provide students with timely, honest feedback on their academic progress, any behavioral concerns, ethical issues, and/or professional dispositions and demeanor.

**Professionalism and Dress Code**

Students are expected to treat others - peers, faculty, staff, and guests - with respect in both verbal and non-verbal communication. Electronic communications with faculty, peers, and professionals should include a formal greeting and conclude politely. Students should be thoughtful before sending or responding to email. Students are expected to respond to an email from faculty within 24 hours. Issues with punctuality and professionalism may affect faculty relations with students, recommendations for positions and placements, evaluation of student progress, and cohort cohesiveness.

Students are to be very thoughtful regarding their use of technology. When using a laptop or other devices in class, students should have only class material open. Phones should be on silent for class, and students should only leave a room to answer a call in an emergency. Additionally, students should also be mindful of what they post on social media, as they are representing the school counseling program and the school counseling profession.

Graduate students are expected to be thoughtful about professional attire and behavior when on campus and at professional events. It is important to remember that students will be interacting with future colleagues, supervisors, and administrators at many events including conferences, professional development events, district meetings, and other professional events.

**Annual Review of Student Progress**

CACREP mandates that each counseling program systematically assess each student’s progress throughout the program by examining both content knowledge and skill acquisition (CACREP, 4.F.). The counseling program faculty have developed 13 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that correspond with School Counseling Program Objectives, CACREP program standards, UGA Student Learning Objectives, and Georgia State Professional Standards Commission certification standards. The KPIs are assessed at multiple points throughout the program to ensure that students are learning and developing necessary skills in a timely manner and to help efficiently identify areas for remediation. Throughout their coursework, students will complete class assignments that also serve as a KPI assessment. These assignments will be noted in the syllabus, and students will be expected to upload these assignments onto their Foliotek page. Program
faculty will assess these KPI assignments using a basic “Does Not Meet, Meets, Exceeds” rubric, and students will be able to see their progress through their Foliotek pages. In addition to this ongoing feedback, students will meet with program faculty to discuss their academic progress, counseling skills, and professional dispositions at three points in the program. First, after their second semester (pre-practicum); second, after their second summer (pre-internship); and third, during their final semester (pre-graduation).

The following KPIs will be assessed through at multiple points throughout the program:

1. Students understand school counselor professional identity.
2. Students demonstrate the awareness and knowledge to be multiculturally competent counselors.
3. Students demonstrate understanding and application of theories of human development related to counseling across the lifespan.
4. Students apply career theory to design and implement a career development program.
5. Students demonstrate the basic skills necessary to facilitate helping conversations.
6. Students demonstrate understanding of basic counseling theories and the skills to implement them in a counseling situation.
7. Students develop a small group intervention that utilizes group process and dynamics to promote desired student outcomes.
8. Students demonstrate appropriate use of assessments in counseling.
9. Students will demonstrate an understanding of how to read, use, and conduct basic research to inform school counseling practice.
10. Students understand models of school counseling, including the ASCA National Model, and how to utilize data to inform and evaluate program goals and objectives.
11. Students demonstrate knowledge and skills to promote educational equity and social justice in school settings.
12. Students demonstrate leadership, collaboration, and advocacy skills in order to promote equitable learning.
13. Students demonstrate the requisite knowledge, skills, and ability to work effectively as a school counselor in pk-12 settings.

**Policy for Student Retention, Remediation, and Dismissal**

The Department of Counseling and Human Development and the School Counseling program are committed to the academic, professional, and personal development of all students. Because graduates will be directly entering the school counseling profession, faculty must assess not only students’ academic progress in the School Counseling masters program, but also professional behavior and ethics, as well as personal skills and dispositions that will translate into ethical and responsible professional behavior. To meet this obligation, school counseling program faculty meeting monitor and provide feedback to students concerning both their academic performance and non-academic behaviors.

School counseling masters students are expected to make satisfactory academic progress. In accordance with the policy of the University of Georgia Graduate School, the School Counseling program allows grades of C or higher as long as the cumulative graduate GPA is 3.0 or above. No grade below a C will be accepted for a graduate program of study. Grades of I (incomplete)
are not used to calculate the GPA. If an “I” is not completed within the time required (by the end of the semester following the semester in which it was given, including summer semester), it will change to an F. The F will be used to calculate the graduate GPA. If a student receives any grade below a C in any course, the student must repeat that course and receive a grade of C or above in order to fulfill graduation requirements. In the semester in which graduation is expected to occur, no student will be allowed to participate in any aspect of graduation activities if any component of his/her academic program is incomplete.

In accordance with the policies outlined in the Graduate Student Handbook for the school counseling masters program, school counseling students are responsible for adhering to the ethical standards published by ACA and ASCA, and the UGA Code of Conduct. If faculty or appropriate others (e.g., students, site supervisors, student affairs professionals) witness or are informed of failure to adhere to these standards, or witness behavior or a pattern of behavior that raises questions about the student’s dispositional fit with the professional practice of school counseling, that program faculty member, after consulting with the program faculty, will invite the student in question to an initial meeting to discuss the concern. At the conclusion of the meeting, the program faculty will submit a letter outlining the conversation and plan for resolution (including a clear timeline), if appropriate. Failure to comply with the remediation plan outlined in the letter will lead to further action on the part of the program faculty, including, but not limited to, additional student development plans, University judicial action (if the action violates University policy), reporting to professional ethics board, or dismissal from the program.

Failure to comply with any of the expectations and responsibilities delineated in this handbook can be considered reason for dismissal from the program. Information regarding dismissal procedures can be found using the following links:

The Graduate School’s Regulations and Procedures for Probation and Dismissal  
http://www.uga.edu/gradschool/academics/regulations.html#ProbationDismissal

Office of Legal Affairs  
http://www.uga.edu/legal/

Medically-Related Absences from the Program  
If a student has any newly-diagnosed or existing medical conditions that may require an absence of one full week (or more) during an academic term (Fall, Spring, or Summer through session), the student should inform the School Counseling Program Coordinator as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made for temporarily discontinuing academic and/or clinical work. If the medically-related absence is of short duration and the student can continue to make satisfactory progress, the School Counseling Program Coordinator and the student’s individual course instructors may collaboratively develop a plan for completing missed in-class and out-of-class assignments and readings. In cases where absences are extended beyond one week, or if the absences may continue over the course of the term, it may be necessary for a course instructor or instructors to submit a grade of Incomplete (I) until such time as the work can be successfully completed. In addition, because many of the courses in the School Counseling Curriculum possess a significant process component that relies upon actual class attendance and participation, extended absences may necessitate that the student drops a class and takes it when
it is offered in a subsequent academic term. Please note that a dropped or delayed class may delay graduation.

**Grievance Policy**

The School Counseling Program faculty is committed to fostering an environment that is nondiscriminatory, respectful, and free of inappropriate conduct and communication. If a situation that is discriminatory or inappropriate arises, it is important to note the steps and procedures and processes that are available to all students. Any student is encouraged to discuss their concerns, including difficult interactions with other students or faculty members, with the Program Coordinator, the Department Chair, or any other university faculty or staff member. Faculty also understand that students may feel frightened or concerned about power dynamics involved in discussing difficult situations with faculty members. In this case, students may want to consider inviting a faculty member to be an “advocate” with whom to discuss issue informally, and to accompany them when discussing a concern with the Program Coordinator or the Department Chair.

Procedures specific to the Professional School Counseling Program include both informal and formal procedures. Students are expected to attempt to resolve any issues with faculty members or other students directly. If this is not possible due to power differential or other concerns, students are expected to follow the following procedures for filing formal grievances:

1. Any disputes that cannot be personally resolved or require formal grievances should be brought to the attention of the **Program Coordinator**.
2. If the issue is not resolved, a power differential exists, or other concerns are present, a student should speak with his or her **Program Coordinator** or the **Graduate Coordinator**.
3. If the issue is not resolved, the next level of appeal is with the **Department Chair**, followed by the **Associate Dean for Student Affairs**, and finally, the **Dean of the College of Education**. Once these levels have been exhausted, the student may choose to appeal to the **Graduate School** and the **Dean of the Graduate School**.

**General University Information Regarding Grievances:**

- Grievance procedures for graduate students are clearly delineated at: [http://uga.edu/legal/olapol.html](http://uga.edu/legal/olapol.html)
- The Department’s general academic policies, including dismissal appeals, fall under the purview of the University’s Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. These policies can be found at: [http://www.coe.uga.edu/chds/students/policies/](http://www.coe.uga.edu/chds/students/policies/)
- Specifically, appeal policies are delineated at 4.05 Student Appeals [http://provost.uga.edu/index.php/policies-procedures/academic/academic-affairs/4-general-policies/405-student-appeals/](http://provost.uga.edu/index.php/policies-procedures/academic/academic-affairs/4-general-policies/405-student-appeals/)
- Grievances for matters related to assistantship work-related duties are found at: [http://www.uga.edu/gradschool](http://www.uga.edu/gradschool)
- The Sexual Harassment Policy for the University of Georgia can be found at: [http://www.uga.edu/eoo/pdfs/NDAH.pdf](http://www.uga.edu/eoo/pdfs/NDAH.pdf)
Please feel free to obtain informal assistance from other appropriate campus offices, such as the Office of Student Affairs, Office of Recruitment and Retention, Office of International Students, or the Disability Resource Center.
Statement of Handbook Receipt

Department of Counseling and Human Development Services

The following Statement of Receipt must be submitted to the Program Coordinator

STATEMENT OF RECEIPT

I acknowledge receipt of the Graduate Handbook for the Department of Counseling and Human Development Services. I understand that I am responsible for the information, policies and procedures contained therein and that it is my responsibility to seek clarification for any information I do not understand.

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Student Name (Print)        Student Signature

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Program Name (Print)        Date

* PRINT THIS PAGE, SIGN, AND TURN IN UPON RECEIPT*
Appendices
Appendix A
Athens and The University of Georgia

Chartered by the Georgia General Assembly January 27, 1785, in Savannah, The University of Georgia is America’s first state-chartered university and the birthplace of the American system of public higher education. The university was actually established in 1801 when a committee of the board of trustees selected a land site. John Milledge, later a governor of the state, purchased and gave to the board of trustees the chosen tract of 633 acres on the banks of the Oconee River in northeast Georgia. He named the land Athens in honor of the Greek city that was the center of culture and learning during ancient times.

The University of Georgia is a land-grant and sea-grant institution and serves as the state’s most comprehensive and diversified academic institution. As the "Flagship" institution in the state-wide system of 31 higher education institutions, the University serves approximately 33,000 undergraduate and graduate students in a myriad of academic majors and professional disciplines. With a proud heritage marked by distinctive achievement in a wide range of academic and human service areas, the University continues to grow in its stature and reputation. The University's commitment to excellence takes shape in three central missions: (1) To disseminate knowledge through teaching in the academic disciplines and fields of professional study that make universities distinctive; (2) To advance knowledge through research, scholarly inquiry, and creative arts; and (3) To provide service to the public through consultation, technical assistance, short-term instruction, training, and other opportunities for continued learning, growth, and development.

Sixteen colleges and schools, with auxiliary divisions, carry on the university’s programs of teaching, research, and service. These colleges and schools and the dates of their establishment as separate administrative units are: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, 1801; College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, 1859; School of Law, 1859; College of Pharmacy, 1903; D. B. Warnell School of Forest Resources, 1906; College of Education, 1908; Graduate School, 1910; C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry College of Business, 1912; Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, 1915; College of Family and Consumer Sciences, 1933; College of Veterinary Medicine, 1946; School of Social Work, 1964; College of Environment and Design, 1969; School of Public and International Affairs, 2001, College of Public Health, 2006, the Eugene Odum School of Ecology, 2007, and the MCG/UGA Medical Partnership, 2009. The Division of General Extension, now the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, was incorporated into the university in 1947.

In 1931 the General Assembly of Georgia placed all state-supported institutions of higher education, including UGA, under the jurisdiction of a single board. This organization, known as the University System of Georgia, is governed by the Board of Regents. The board of regents’ executive officer, the chancellor, exercises a general supervisory control over all institutions of the University System, with each institution having its own executive officers and faculty.

Known internationally as a college music scene, and as a host to some of the most exciting events of the 1996 Olympics, Athens is a comfortable and inviting town. Its climate is relatively
mild, and its location near the Great Smoky Mountains as well as the coastal islands off Southeast Georgia and its close proximity to Atlanta make Athens an appealing city.
Appendix B
Graduate Assistantships and other Financial Aid

Graduate Assistantships
Limited assistantships are available through the department and the Graduate School. The department works to provide as many graduate assistantships as possible, but it cannot support all students. The department gives priority to doctoral students in awarding assistantships, but as all doctoral students are covered, opportunities are opened to master’s students. Graduate assistantships are typically awarded on a yearly basis without guarantees for continued funding. Students who receive an initial assistantship should be prepared to fund a portion of their graduate education through other means if necessary.

Some assistantships require specific skills from a student such as research experience, library skills, or the ability to lead classroom instruction. Other assistantships provide general clerical support to faculty or the department staff. Students willing to live in a dormitory might wish to contact the Office of Housing about becoming a residential advisor. The Office of Housing reviews applications in January so applications should be entered early. In addition, the department works with units across campus and with outside community agencies to attempt to find additional assistantships for students. Students are encouraged to pursue assistantships outside the department.

The Graduate School has an annual competition to award assistantships for students who excel academically and professionally. For outstanding students without an assistantship, the Graduate School can sometimes provide out-of-state tuition waivers. If you think you qualify for either of these, speak with the department Graduate Coordinator.

Graduate Assistants are required to complete a bi-weekly time record recording their activities and hours of work. Since assistantships are competitive, we expect students to excel at tasks they are assigned. Assistants are evaluated at the end of the year and this evaluation plays a significant role in awarding assistantships for the ensuing year.

If you desire an assistantship, keep the department Graduate Coordinator informed of your status and your interests. Students without an assistantship who wish to obtain experience in research or classroom activities are encouraged to talk to their major professor, the Department Head or the department Graduate Coordinator. Opportunities can be made available to provide important teaching or research experience for all students. Occasionally, these opportunities carry academic credit.

Other Financial Aid
The Graduate Bulletin lists other sources of scholarships and financial aid. In addition, UGA participates in federal assistance programs including grants and work-study for qualified students. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid in the Academic Building (706-542-8208) for further assistance. The Student Employment Office (706-542-3375) offers assistance for students who seek employment on campus or in the local community.
Graduate Travel Support
The Department of Counseling & Human Development Services has the opportunity to award students limited travel funding for travel related to their program. A student receiving an invitation to present a paper at a professional meeting may submit a travel funding request to the Department of Counseling & Human Development Services for travel before June 30. The applicants should meet with the departmental accountant to complete a Travel Authority to be submitted with proof of acceptance to present and an abstract of the paper/research. The maximum award will be limited to $150 based on factors such as prevailing costs at the meeting site, distance traveled to the site and whether the meeting is national or regional. Doctoral students will receive priority.

The College of Education’s Research Office offers travel funding to encourage COE students to grow professionally by encouraging them to write and present, on a first author basis, at major significant conferences. All requests are submitted to the departmental accountant at least one week before the application deadline. More information regarding this travel funding can be found at: http://www.coe.uga.edu/research/research-resources/graduate-research/gradtravel/.
Appendix C
Related Professional Organizations and Ethical Codes

American School Counselor Association
The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) supports school counselors’ efforts to help students focus on academic, career, and social/emotional development so that they achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. ASCA provides professional development, publications and other resources, research and advocacy to professional school counselors around the globe. (ASCA, 2015)

Benefits of membership include the ASCA Annual Conference; subscription to Professional School Counseling, the flagship journal for the field; the ASCA School Counselor, the national magazine for school counseling; and access to Webinars led by leaders in the field; and shared resources and consultation through the online ASCA Resource Center, access to Legal and Ethical consultation, and participation in the National listserv, the ASCA Scene.

Students can become members of ASCA at a reduced rate and will enjoy all the benefits of membership as well as professional liability insurance (included). Visit http://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors-members/member-benefits-info/join-or-renew-today for more information about membership, as well as to inquire about opportunities to become involved as a graduate student leader.

Please download and print a copy of the: American School Counseling Association (ASCA) Ethical Standards

Georgia School Counselor Association
The Georgia School Counselor Association represents, promotes, and enhances professional school counseling in Georgia to create improved outcomes for all students.

Benefits of membership include the GSCA Annual Conference, subscription to the GSCA journal, the GSCA educational magazine The Beacon, the Georgia School Counselor Magazine, as well as opportunities for professional networking and leadership development.

GSCA has a strong history of including graduate students on its leadership team, and students have involved in conference planning, professional development, and recruiting efforts across the state. For more information and to inquire about getting involved in advocacy, social media presence, membership recruiting, or mentoring, visit http://gaschoolcounselor.org/?volunteer.

American Counseling Association
ACA is the world’s largest association representing professional counselors in various practice settings, with more 56,000 members.

Benefits of membership include the ACA Conference & Expo, the Counseling Today magazine, the Journal of Counseling & Development, access to professional development webinars, as well as networking and leadership opportunities.
Graduate students have several opportunities to get involved with ACA, both at divisional level at the national level. Volunteering at the ACA Annual Conference and Expo is a great way to get involved. For more information, visit https://www.counseling.org/conference/future-conferences.

In addition, the ACA divisions can provide a smaller professional group with a defined focus around a specific target population or interest area and can be a great way for students to first get initiated into the larger professional organization. For more information on relevant ACA Divisions, please visit: https://www.counseling.org/about-us/divisions-regions-and-branches/divisions

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