CERTIFICATION ONLY, COUNSELING (159)

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The Certification Only, Counseling program is specific to the concentration selected (concentration codes shown in parentheses below).

Extension from Elementary or Secondary Guidance to P-12, Certification-Only (KGCS)

Students may pursue this certification as a certification-only program or as part of the Planned Sixth-Year/Rank I in Guidance.

Standard Guidance, Provisional to P-12, Certification-Only (KGCP)

Students may pursue the certifications listed below as certification-only programs or as part of the Planned Sixth-Year/Rank I in Guidance. Those seeking the Planned Sixth- Year/Rank I in Guidance should note that it requires other course work in addition to the courses described.

The Provisional to P-12 Standard Guidance program is designed for individuals with a master's degree in school counseling who have provisional P-12 Guidance Certification. P-12 Guidance Certification is a prerequisite for Standard Guidance Certification. Individuals certified at the elementary (Grades K-8) or secondary (Grades 5-12) levels must first complete the 6 hours required to obtain P-12 Certification.

Standard Guidance Certification requires both completion of required course work and completion of one year of employment as a school counselor for those certified as teachers or two years of employment for those not previously certified as teachers. Many individuals complete the course work prior to completing the experience requirements.

Program Admission

Admission to the Certification Only, Counseling program is specific to the concentration selected (concentration codes shown in parentheses below).

Extension from Elementary or Secondary Guidance to P-12, Certification-Only (KGCS)

Continuing certification for Elementary or Secondary Guidance is no longer available. Counselors with K-8 or 5-12 certification must first complete requirements to extend their certification to P-12, and then they may seek Standard Guidance certification. To be admitted to pursue extension of the certification to P-12, applicants must document completion of a graduate degree in school counseling and certification as a School Counselor.

Standard Guidance, Provisional to P-12, Certification-Only (KGCP)

Documentation of a master's degree in school counseling and current guidance certification in Kentucky.

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Program Requirements (6 hours)

Program requirements for the Certification Only, Counseling program are specific to the concentration selected (concentration codes shown in parentheses below).

Extension from Elementary or Secondary Guidance to P-12, Certification-Only (KGCS)

Code	Title	Hours
Select 2 courses with advisor approval		6
CNS 500	College and Career Readiness Foundations	3
CNS 501	College and Career Consultation & Collaboration	3
CNS 502	College and Career Program Development & Evaluation	3
CNS 548	Principles and Practices	3
CNS 549	Counseling and Consultation	3
CNS 556	Developmental Career Counseling	3
CNS 567	Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment in Counseling	3
CNS 569	Play Therapy	3
CNS 588	Family Systems Counseling	3
CNS 592	Crisis, Trauma and Violence Counseling	3
CNS 606	Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling Practice and Process	3
CNS 637	Theories of Addiction	3
CNS 647	Addictions: Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning	3
CNS 667	Counseling Substance and Process Addictions	3
CNS 677	Eating Disorders in Counseling	3

Other courses may be approved in consultation with the advisor Students cannot duplicate courses from other completed programs towards the certificate

Standard Guidance, Provisional to P-12, Certification-Only (KGCP)

Specific requirements for P-12 and Standard Guidance depend on the applicant's master's degree program and current certification. State regulations require individuals who possess guidance certification at the elementary (K-8) or secondary (5-12) level to complete requirements for P-12 Certification prior to obtaining Standard Guidance Certification.

Code	Title	Hours
For individuals with current guidance certification at the elementary (grades K-8) or secondary (grades 5-12) level		
Required Courses		
CNS 568	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
CNS 660	Organization and Administration of Guidance Services	3
Total Hours		**6**

Code	Title	Hours
For individuals with P-12 guidance certification who have completed a 30 or 36-hour program in school counseling		
Required Courses		
CNS 556	Developmental Career Counseling	3
CNS 666	Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling	3
Total Hours		**6**

Code	Title	Hours
For individuals with P-12 guidance certification who have completed a 48-hour program in school counseling consistent with CACREP school counseling standards		
Required Courses		
CNS 666	Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling	3
Select one of the following:		3
CNS 592	Crisis, Trauma and Violence Counseling	
CNS 637	Theories of Addiction	
CNS 569	Play Therapy	
Total Hours		**6**

Code	Title	Hours
For individuals with P-12 guidance certification who have completed a 30 or 36-hour program in school counseling program approved to start Spring 2018 at WKU.		
Required Courses		
CNS 558	Theories of Counseling	3
CNS 666	Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling	3
Total Hours		**6**