MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Southern Arkansas University School of Graduate Studies is to prepare individuals for positions of leadership in a variety of professions by providing advanced and specialized education. The curricula and instructional technologies are designed to meet the needs of students in our region and to prepare them to compete in a diverse and dynamic society.

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FINANCIAL AID

All graduate students who need financial assistance to attend Southern Arkansas University should contact the University’s Office of Financial Aid between January 1 and June 1 of each year. Eligibility for a federal aid program is determined through the filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid need analysis. It takes approximately six weeks for the application to be processed.

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CURRICULUM

Each candidate for the Master of Science in Counseling degree must successfully complete 60 semester credit hours of coursework.

### Specific degree requirements

**Professional Education Core**

- **EDUC 6003** Educational Research (required)  
  (3 semester hours)

**Counseling Core**

- **COUN 6403** Introduction to the Counseling Profession
- **COUN 6413** Ethical, Legal, & Professional Issues in Counseling
- **COUN 6423** Counseling Theories
- **COUN 6433** Basic Counseling Skills
- **COUN 6443** Group Counseling
- **COUN 6453** Human Development for Helping Professionals
- **COUN 6463** Career Counseling: Theory and Practice
- **COUN 6473** Counseling in a Diverse Society
- **COUN 6483** Assessment Procedures for Counselors
- **COUN 6493** Practicum in Clinical & Developmental Counseling
- **COUN 6503** Case Management & DSM-IV Diagnosis

(57 semester hours)

**Counselling Core Cont.**

- **COUN 6513** Internship in Clinical & Developmental Counseling I
- **COUN 6523** Internship in Clinical & Developmental Counseling II
- **COUN 6533** Advanced Counseling Skills & Techniques
- **COUN 6543** Substance Abuse Counseling: Theory & Practice
- **COUN 6553** Marriage & Family Counseling: Theory & Practice
- **COUN 6563** Human Sexuality: Concepts, Theory & Practice
- **COUN 6573** Psychopharmacology & the Counseling Profession
- **COUN 6583** Counseling Children & Adolescents

(57 semester hours)

TRANSFER COURSEWORK

Credit may be granted for equivalent coursework from other accredited institutions upon the approval of the appropriate advisor and the dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Such credit shall not exceed nine hours of formal graduate course work requirements for a master’s degree, exclusive of the credits earned for the thesis or other projects. All work submitted for degree credit must have been completed no more than five years before enrollment in the SAU graduate program.