

Psychology minor to Plus Counseling M.Ed. program.

The Plus program at Stephens College is intended for selected students who will earn a minor in Psychology by completing the 17 hours listed below. Interested students will apply for the Plus Program March 1st of their Junior year. This minor leads directly to graduate study in Counseling. Students may complete up to 11 graduate credit hours in their Senior year allowing completion of the graduate degree in as little as six semesters. Upon successful completion of COUN 505 and recommendation by the faculty a student will apply for acceptance to the graduate program by March 1st of their senior year.

Required Courses:

Psychology:

PSY 111: Introduction to Psychology (3 hours)
PSY 225: Social Psychology (3 hours)
PSY 320: Abnormal Psychology (3 hours)
PSY 417: Research Methods in Psychology (3 hours)

Students will complete the bridge course;

COUN 505: Counselor as Professional (2 hours) (this course is open to Plus students only)

And one of the following:

COUN 570: Career Development (3 hours)
COUN 545: Advanced Human Development (3 hours)
COUN 565: Theories and Techniques of Counseling (3 hours)

Additional requirements:

MAT 207: Introduction to Statistics (3 hours) (fulfills the LBA Quantitative Literacy requirement)
INT 090: Orientation to Online (1 hour non-academic credit)

Plus Students may take up to 11 hours of 500 level credit during their senior year:

COUN 505: Counselor as Professional (2 hours)
(a course open to Plus students only)
COUN 570: Career Development (3 hours)
COUN 545: Advanced Human Development (3 hours)
COUN 565: Theories and Techniques of Counseling (3 hours)

Application deadline for the Plus Program is March 1st of a student's Junior year.

Criteria for admittance to the program:

- 1) 90 hours must be completed before beginning the bridge course:
COUN 500: Counselor as Professional (2 hours)
(a course open to Plus students only)
- 2) G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher
- 3) At least 12 hours of undergraduate PSY courses as listed above.
- 4) MAT 207 or equivalent Introduction to Statistics course.
- 5) Recommendation from Undergraduate Psychology faculty, Academic Advisor, and one other Faculty member.
- 6) Minimum grade of B in 500 level classes to continue in the program
- 7) Registration with the Family Safety Care Registry to allow for criminal background check by Graduate and Continuing Studies

Application deadline for the Graduate Program is March 1st of a student's Senior year. Criteria and application information for admission to the M.Ed. program in counseling is available through Graduate and Continuing Studies.