

# Human Development Counseling (M.Ed.)

There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.

—Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

Human Development Counseling (HDC) in the Department of Human and Organizational Development trains students who want to become clinical mental health or school counselors. This interdisciplinary program prepares counselors sensitive to the complexities of human development who can translate sound theoretical knowledge and research into effective counseling programs.

## Specializations

The Human Development Counseling program offers two curriculum tracks for students:

- **Clinical Mental Health Counseling** — for students seeking careers in various social service agencies, mental health centers, employee assistance programs, as well as other mental health organizations.
- **School Counseling** — for persons who want to work as professional school counselors in K-12 settings.



settings, or private or charter schools with a mental health counselor on staff. Some go on to doctoral study in counseling or related fields. School Counseling track requirements lead directly to licensure as a school counselor in public or private K-12 settings by meeting all of the requirements established by the Tennessee State Department of Education.



## Accreditation

HDC is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

## Department Admissions Coordinator

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## How to Apply

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There is no fee to apply online.

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## Priority Application Deadline

December 31

## Office of Graduate Admissions

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## Career Paths

Students following the Clinical Mental Health Counseling track can seek licensure to enter positions as Licensed Professional Counselors in for-profit or nonprofit agencies, private practice

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