PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Master of Science in School Counseling

WHY SCRANTON?
Excellence in academic and professional competencies. Jesuit values. Successful outcomes. You’ll find all of this—and more—when you choose The University of Scranton for your Master of Science in School Counseling degree. Our dedicated faculty will work alongside you as you pursue a higher level of education through our nationally accredited programs.

REAL WORLD RESULTS
Filling a Growing Need
According to the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook, faster than average growth will occur through at least 2024 in the fields of rehabilitation counseling, clinical mental health, marital and/or family difficulties, alcoholism, drug abuse and aging.

COUNSELOR TRAINING CENTER
• Utilize skills taught and practiced in the classroom
• Find and experience theoretical practices
• Witness the healing power of the therapeutic process
• Facilitate dynamic learning and supervision
• Affirm choice of profession
More at: scranton.edu/hallcenter

JESUIT VALUES
• Fosters academic, professional and personal development
• Focus on social justice, empowerment, advocacy and leadership
• Development of clients to their full potential
• Emphasis on appreciation of diversity

AT A GLANCE
• Exposure to faculty with a wide range of experience and expertise.
• Embraces the traditions of Ignatian identity.
• Seeks to train counseling professionals who are self-reflective practitioners, competent caregivers, and community leaders.
• Prepares students for work in a variety of settings as counseling professionals who situate their work in cultural, family, school and community contexts.

PERSONAL ATTENTION
• Learn from an incomparable faculty comprised of skillful educators who pride themselves in their teaching, research and service.
• Gain practical knowledge from faculty who bring significant clinical work experiences to the classroom experience.
• Work with a faculty mentor who will assist with your personal academic planning throughout the program.

COUNSELOR TRAINING CENTER

GETTING RECOGNIZED
Results, reputation & ethics drive our education.

ONE-TO-ONE LEARNING
Faculty Engagement

JESUIT VALUES

CACREP accreditation

The University of Scranton’s School Counseling Program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the accrediting body for the counseling profession.

Our School Counseling Program is the 2nd oldest CACREP-accredited program in PA and is 1 of only 13 accredited programs in the entire state.

Students graduating from both CACREP accredited programs may take the National Counselor Exam (NCE) which is a step towards becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor.
WHAT NEXT? HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE >>

APPLY NOW
The priority application deadline for all graduate counseling programs is November 15th with a regular application deadline of March 1st for admission into the following fall term. Applications received after the March 1st deadline may be considered at the Program Director’s discretion.

To apply to a counseling program or for additional application and admission information visit: scranton.edu/gradapply.

At $757 per credit, the tuition cost for our counseling programs is among the most competitive in PA and for regionally accredited universities.

CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
You are encouraged to contact the Program Director, Dr. Julie Cerrito, for information on the academic components of the counseling program. To contact Dr. Cerrito, please email julie.cerrito@scranton.edu or call 570.941.4163.

SCHEDULE A VISIT
Personal appointments with an Admissions representative are offered Monday through Friday and can provide insight to the application and admission process. Sign up online to register for your visit at: scranton.edu/gradvisit.

DO MORE
Graduate Assistantships
Graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis to graduate students who seek to strengthen the breadth and quality of the educational experience. Graduate assistants work with faculty and staff in the areas of teaching, research and/or administration. The graduate assistant is awarded a tuition scholarship as well as a stipend. More at: scranton.edu/ga

Career Development Services
School Counseling students have full access to the services of the Gerard R. Roche Center for Career Development, which include resume and cover letter writing, interview and job search techniques, and participation in employer on-campus recruiting visits and Career Expos. Students and alumni can access a wide range of employment opportunities through the office’s online job posting system. The career team is available to consult for advice and support throughout your career. More at: scranton.edu/careers

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CURRICULUM Programs of Study

SCHOOL COUNSELING >> MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the School Counseling Program at The University of Scranton is to prepare students to become professional school counselors in elementary, middle, or high schools. The program emphasizes professional school counselors working to improve educational practices that impact all students through the development and implementation of comprehensive, results-based, school counseling programs.

PreK-12 School Counseling

FOUNDATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING (27 credits required):
- COUN 501: Counseling & Interviewing Skills
- COUN 502: Counseling Theories
- COUN 503: Group Process & Practice
- COUN 504: Appraisal Techniques
- COUN 505: Research Methods
- COUN 506: Social & Cultural Issues
- COUN 507: Career & Lifestyle Development
- COUN 508: Lifespan Development
- COUN 509 and 509S: Professional Issues in Counseling & School Counseling

SCHOOL COUNSELING SPECIALTY COURSES: (15 credits required):
- COUN 533: School Counseling Program Planning
- COUN 549: Assessment & Diagnosis
- COUN 563: Crisis Intervention
- COUN 584: Counseling Children & Adolescents
- COUN 584: Themes of the ASCA National Model

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES (8 credits required):
- COUN 592: Practicum: School Counseling (100 hours) * 3 credits
- COUN 597: Internship: School Counseling (600 hours) * 6 credits

(Note: Students requiring two semesters to complete all internship requirements need to register for internship each semester, 3 credits per semester. Students electing to complete all 600 hours in 1 semester need to register for 6 credits in a single semester. Internship must total 6 credits and 600 hours and can be achieved over 1 semester or 2 semesters. Please discuss the best option for you with your mentor or program director.)

Electives: 9 Credits

Total Credits for Degree: 60

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ADMISSION

Admission Criteria for Acceptance
Admission is based on a combination of four indicators: previous academic performance, three professional letters of recommendation, relevant professional experience and an interview.

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