



## CAREER OPTIONS

Graduates of the Counseling program are employed in numerous settings, including the following:

**COLLEGES and UNIVERSITIES**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**HOSPICE**

**MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS**

**NURSING HOMES**

**REHABILITATION SERVICES**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS**

**PRIVATE PRACTICE**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS**



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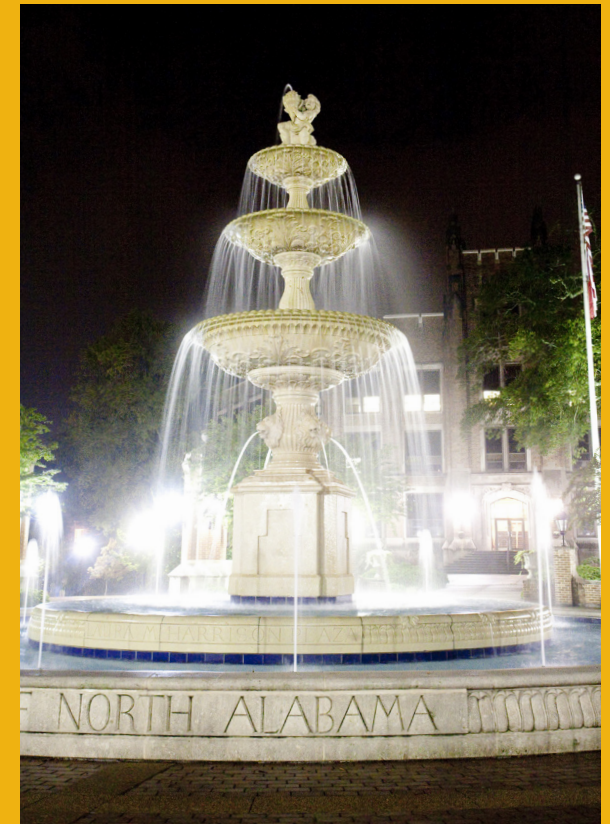


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# University of NORTH ALABAMA COUNSELOR EDUCATION



*Preparing Professional Counselors  
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# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

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## CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

### *Master of Arts*

The Master of Arts (M.A.) in Clinical Mental Health is a CACREP accredited 60 semester hour program of study. Graduates typically are employed in social service, mental health, and private practice settings. Students complete practicum and internship experiences in settings related to their career goals. The coursework content prepares students for National Counselor Certification, National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Certification, and State Counselor Licensure.

## SCHOOL COUNSELING

### *Master of Arts in Education*

The Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed.) in School Counseling is a CACREP accredited and Alabama State Department of Education approved 48-51 semester hour program that results, upon graduation, in eligibility for certification as a school counselor in Alabama. Graduates typically are employed in public or private elementary, middle/junior high, or high schools as professional school counselors. Students complete a practicum and two internships in school settings.

### FACTS:

- The projected job growth through 2028 for all mental health counselors is 22 percent and for school counselors is eight percent. *(Bureau of Labor Statistics)*
- Counselors help people manage mental and emotional disorders.
- Counselors help students succeed in school.

### GRADUATES:

- National Counselor Exam/Praxis II pass rate: **100 percent**
- Job placement rate: **94 percent**

### FACULTY PROVIDE DISTINCTIVE EXPERIENCES:

- Blending art and science in clinical experiences
- Promoting interaction through experiential activities
- Emphasizing modeling, role-playing, and reflecting
- Offering creative learning experiences
- Face-to-face evening classes for students who work

### BENEFITS OF ATTENDING AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM:

- The program meets or exceeds national standards.
- Graduates are ready for entry into professional practice.
- Ease of gaining licensure or certification.
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program graduates can work **ANYWHERE in the US.**

## ACCREDITATION

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A.) and the School Counseling (M.A.Ed.) graduate programs in the Department of Counselor Education are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The University of North Alabama is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS), and the College of Education and Human Sciences is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

## WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

### CURRENT STUDENT:

*"I have enjoyed the UNA Counseling Program immensely! The professors were a joy to work with and invested in helping me succeed as a future counselor. I learned a great deal of new information and gained a deeper understanding of previously learned material. I would recommend this program to anyone wanting to be a counselor!"*

### RECENT GRADUATES:

*"I believe I received an excellent education in the Counseling Program at UNA. The professors were not only extremely knowledgeable of their field and areas which they taught, but also had practical experience and wisdom in various counseling settings. They also demonstrated a concern for the students and a desire to help students be successful."*

*"UNA's Counselor Education Department more than successfully prepared me as a counselor; the faculty and coursework contributed in my growth as an individual, which helped launch my career in counseling."*

*"Compared to my peers in the field, I am more prepared and confident in myself and with the skills that I was taught at UNA."*

### EMPLOYER:

*"The UNA counselor I have been supervising is excellent. It appears that she had very good preparation for a full-time job in the counseling field. I have been impressed by her knowledge and professionalism."*

*All quotes taken from anonymous surveys.*