CAREER OPTIONS

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

• Colleges and Universities
• Department of Human Resources
• Hospice
• Mental Health Centers
• Nursing Homes
• Rehabilitation Services
• Substance Abuse Programs
• Private Practice
• Elementary Schools
• Secondary Schools

ACCREDITATION

at the UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA

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 National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
In addition, those wishing to pursue a Master’s Degree in School Counseling must submit or complete the following:

**TRACK 1**

**SCHOOL COUNSELING**

- Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution
- A copy of the Class B Professional Teaching Certificate
- Verification of two years of successful teaching experience
- Successful completion of the AB/J/FBI background check required of school personnel in Alabama.

For program completion and eligibility for School Counselor Certification, a passing score on the PRAXIS II Professional School Counselor Examination is required.

**TRACK 2**

**SCHOOL COUNSELING**

- Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate GPA
- Passing score on the Work-Keys Basic Skills Assessment of the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program
- Successful completion of the AB/J/FBI background check required of school personnel in Alabama
- Successful completion EEX 605 Survey of Students with Disabilities or an equivalent course with a grade of “A” or “B”

For program completion a passing score on the PRAXIS II Professional School Counselor Examination is required.

**GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling**

- Bachelor’s degree or higher from an institution that meets the general admission requirements for graduate study at UNA
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work
- Official MAT (minimum of 388) or GRE (146 V & 140 Q preferred) score report
- Graduate application form & fee
- Three Recommendation for Admission forms completed by supervisors or instructors. These forms are available by contacting Paula Hailey at (256) 765-4763 or pbhailey@una.edu.
- Resumé including educational background, a record of employment and volunteer activities
- Applicants holding a bachelor’s degree, a graduate degree or the equivalent from an institution outside the United States of America must submit a WES, ECD, or other approved international credential evaluation.
- Successful completion of a formal interview with members of the Counselor Education faculty.

For program completion, Clinical Mental Health Counseling majors must pass the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE).