

**Northern Kentucky University**

**Name of Program: School Guidance Counselor**

**Certification Level: Other School Professionals**

**Master's; Certification Only; Rank 1 Master's; Rank 2 Non-degree 5<sup>th</sup> year; Rank 2 Non-degree 6<sup>th</sup> year**

**Program Codes:**

**KGCP (2031, 2033); KGCP Rank 2 (626, 627); KGCP Rank 1 (2032, 2034); RANK2, KGCST (3102, 3106);  
RANK1, KGCST (3105, 3108); KGCST (3104, 3107); Rank 2 (3546); Rank 1 (3597)**

**Modes of Delivery: Face to Face Only**

**2016-17 Catalog URL: <http://nku.catalog.acalog.com/index.php?catoid=7>**

The MA in School Counseling prepares graduates to be P-12 school counselors. Graduates of our program are equipped to contribute to student success by implementing transformative school counseling practices and by establishing data-driven comprehensive school counseling programs; recognized as best practice by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA).

Accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), our School Counseling program is currently a 48-hour program that emphasizes the eight CACREP core areas of Legal and Ethical Issues, Diversity, Human Development, Counseling Theories, Counseling Techniques, Assessment, Group Counseling, and Research Methods. In addition, our School Counseling students receive additional training in courses focusing on Crisis Intervention in Schools and Data-Driven Comprehensive School Counseling programming and implementation, recognized as best-practices by ASCA.

Beginning in the next academic year, 2017-2018, our School Counseling program will jump to 60-credit hours, per CACREP requirements. This change will enable our students to receive additional training in courses specializing in Counseling Children and Adolescents, Diagnosis of Emotional and Mental Disorders, Substance Abuse and Addictions, as well as allow students to choose elective courses, such as Counseling At-Risk Populations or College Advising and Comprehensive School Counseling.

The curriculum contracts for the various School Guidance Counselor program types, degree types, and credential codes are found at this link:

<https://inside.nku.edu/coehs/collegeaccreditation/caep/EPsBProgramSubmissions/GuidanceCounselorP12/GuidanceCounselorP12CCX.html>

Each curriculum contract states the admission and exit criteria, the curriculum criteria, required courses, and other information about the program.