

## **Master of Education: Guidance and Counselling**

The Guidance and Counselling specialization prepares educators and community mental health practitioners to be counsellors. Students in the program will acquire knowledge and skills to provide ethical individual and group counselling interventions, mental health wellness and prevention programming, and guidance education. In addition to a Master of Education degree, this program leads to the Manitoba School Counsellor Certificate. (Because of this provincial certification, we no longer provide certification for the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association.) We encourage students to make sure that the courses they are taking are eligible for certification by periodically reviewing the School Counsellor Certificate Guidelines available through Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning at: <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/specedu/guidance/certificate.html>

Students in our program normally do the course route to meet counselling accreditation standards, and our program typically takes three years to complete. For students considering a thesis, note that acceptance into the thesis route depends on 15 credit hours of exceptional academic performance in our program. Also, the opportunity to pursue the thesis route depends on the availability and suitability of a thesis advisor from the Department of Educational Psychology and Student Services.

A practicum in counselling is also a required component of the Master of Education Guidance and Counselling program. Practicum placement opportunities are typically in a school setting with few exceptions. Students need to negotiate their counselling locations at their own cost. Although the practicum comes near the end of one's program, we recommend that students think about where they plan to complete their counselling practicum from the beginning and work throughout their program to forge relationships that will make their practicum possible and successful.

In congruence with programs accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association, students must participate in face-to-face courses in the Guidance and Counselling Master of Education program to acquire clinical counselling skills. Therefore, our program requires periodic travel to Brandon for face-to-face instruction. Care will be taken to provide face-to-face courses outside of your teaching time. Faculty will work hard to accommodate the time required for travel so that it is not unreasonable to attend these required face-to-face courses.

*Note: The above information is subject to change.*

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<https://www.brandonu.ca/master-education/graduate-level-programs/>