M.Ed. Degree
Minimum Requirements for Degree: 48-54 credits
School Counselor certification: 39 or 45 credits

The University of Alaska Alaska Graduate Counseling Program prepares students to become culturally responsive effective practitioners through course work and supervised internship experiences that emphasize an ecological perspective. Students who complete the School Counseling track, a 48 credit-hour program, are eligible to be licensed as professional school counselors in the state of Alaska. Students who complete the Community Counseling track, a 54 credit-hour program, are eligible for licensure as mental health counselors, with additional post-degree requirements. Students who complete this track are eligible to work in community/mental health agencies or as private clinicians once licensed.

Students who are completing either program track through distance education are required to complete COUN F634—Practicum in Individual Counseling and COUN F674—Group Counseling on the Fairbanks campus. These courses are offered in alternating summers.

School Counselor Certification Program
1. Complete the following admission requirements:
   a. Application to the licensure only program follows the same admission requirements and procedures as for the M.Ed. in counseling.
   b. People who currently hold master's degrees in education or one of several helping professions such as social work, psychology, or human services (as approved by counseling faculty) may apply.

2. Complete the following requirements for certification in one level (Elementary or Secondary):
   COUN F615—Foundations of Counseling
   COUN F623—Counseling Theories and Applications I
   COUN F627—Developmental Interventions
   COUN F628—Child and Adolescent Development
   COUN F632—Career Development
   COUN F630—Appraisal for Counselors
   COUN F634—Practicum in Individual Counseling
   COUN F636—Internship I
   COUN F647—Professional Ethics
   COUN F660—Cross-Cultural Counseling
   COUN F674—Group Counseling
   COUN F688—Internship IV
   COUN F698—Non-thesis Research/Project (3-6)
   ED F601—Introduction to Applied Social Science Research

3. Complete the following additional classes for K-12 school counseling certification (Elementary and Secondary):
   COUN F646—School Counseling
   COUN F687—Internship III
   COUN F688—Internship IV

4. Minimum credits required ............................................ 48-54

** Additional fee required. Charges are added to fee statements each semester. Students must take 15 UAF credits. Up to 30 graduate transfer credits from a previous degree program may be applied, as approved by the School of Education counseling program.