



Doctor of Education Counseling Psychology

PROGRAM INFORMATION

PURPOSE

The Doctor of Education (EdD) in Counseling Psychology program is designed to meet the special requirements of working mental health professionals motivated to develop their knowledge and skills to handle the changing needs of modern organizations. The program is designed to provide working professionals with the opportunity to pursue their personal and professional goals through the completion of a graduate program.

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY

This degree does not prepare graduates for licensure. In the counseling field, licensure is generally earned at the master's level. In Illinois, the license to practice independently as a counselor is the Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) [please note that counselor licensure requirements vary widely from state to state]. Practitioners in closely related fields (social work, clinical psychology, marriage and family therapy) also qualify for independent licensure as practitioners. The doctoral curriculum expands upon the general preparation of masters-level practitioners.

Argosy University, Chicago emphasizes the importance of an applicant having met local licensure/certification requirements as a counselor/mental health care provider. Because the EdD in Counseling Psychology with an optional Concentration in Counselor Education & Supervision program does not lead to any credential as a provider of counseling services, the degree is of limited value without having first achieved those credentials at the master's level. In no way should the doctoral degree be seen as preparation for entry-level practice.

PROGRAM FORMAT

As part of Argosy University's College of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences, the Ed.D in Counseling Psychology is designed to meet the needs of the working professional. Students will typically take 3 years to complete a minimum of 48 credit hours of course work and an additional four semesters for completion of a 12 credit-hour dissertation for a total of 4 ½ years for completion of the 60 credit-hour Ed.D degree.

COURSE DELIVERY FORMATS:

Courses are conveniently scheduled on weekends and evenings. All weekend courses are web-augmented: there is a weekly online instructional component over the term of the course for ongoing instructional contact with your faculty and fellow students. All research courses are offered in a weekly, on-campus, evening format or in a fully-online format.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The comprehensive examination at Argosy University, Chicago Campus is a take-home examination that consists of printed, APA-formatted, original responses to questions submitted by the faculty. The comprehensive examination is designed to allow the student to demonstrate competence in the end-of-program outcomes

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in advanced practice, counselor supervision, counselor education, social and cultural issues, qualitative and quantitative research, assessment, ethics, and multicultural competence. Any student who fails the Comprehensive Exam a second time (one opportunity for revision is permitted) is automatically dismissed from the program.

DISSERTATION

Following successful completion of all courses, and passage of the Comprehensive Examination, students begin the dissertation process. Students are required to take a minimum of 12 semester credit hours (four semesters) of dissertation. The dissertation process at Argosy University, Chicago Campus is fully described in the *Guide to the Dissertation Process*.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

To be considered for admission to the Ed.D. Counseling Psychology, applicants must have the following:

- A master's degree in a counseling or related field from a regionally accredited educational institution, an appropriately certified international educational institution, or program approved by Argosy University.
- A grade point average of at least 3.00 (4.0 scale) in master's degree and any subsequent graduate study.
- Minimum TOEFL scores of 213 (computer version), 550 (paper version), 79 (internet version) are required of applicants whose native language is not English, or who have not graduated from an institution at which English is the language of instruction.

The American School of Professional Psychology/Argosy University emphasizes the importance of an applicant having met local licensure/certification requirements ("license-eligible") as a counselor/mental health care provider. The Ed.D in Counseling Psychology does not lead to credentials as a provider of counseling services, nor does the doctoral degree prepare for entry-level counseling practice (this is done at the master's level).

The following materials must be submitted to the Admissions Department:

- Application form and application fee of \$50.00
- Personal/professional goal statement including a self-appraisal of qualifications and statement of research interests
- Current resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended
- International students contact the Admissions Department for additional requirements

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Doctoral Counseling students complete a 60-credit hour minimum course of study that includes 12 credit hours of dissertation. Upon completion of course work, students are eligible to take the Comprehensive Examination and upon successful completion of the Comprehensive Examination, begin the dissertation process. The program can be entered six times a year (Fall Session 1 or 2, Spring 1 or 2 and Summer 1 or 2).

Refer to the Program of Study Worksheet in accordance to student's time of admission