School Counseling Sample 2-Year Course Planning

Please note: This is a general 2-year plan. You can switch around some courses. Consult with your advisor about your personal situation, especially if you want to proceed more slowly. Undergraduate prerequisites: (1) statistics (take pre-COUN 540); (2) developmental psych (take pre-COUN 560); (3) abnormal (take pre-COUN 566) (4) Undergrad C&I exceptionalities course if you weren’t an ED major.

First Summer
3 – COUN 580 – Addictions
3 – COUN 570 – Career Counseling

6 Credits [6] *You may take all or none or some of the three summer-only courses to start the program. Depending on budget issues, we may also be able to offer an Addictions Counselor course in the summer. If not, you’ll need to take an addictions course in Social Work or Psychology to meet that program requirement.

First Fall
1 – COUN 510 – Introduction to the Counseling Profession
3 – COUN 511 – Counseling Theories and Techniques
3 – COUN 512 – Counseling Fundamentals [Skills Gate]
3 – COUN 565 – School Counseling, Program Development and Supervision [Online]
3 – COUN 610 – Ethics and Professional Orientation [Conceptual Gate]

13 Credits [19] *You can take 13 or even 16 credits, but if you take only 10, take the top four Fall courses. If you need to go slower, check with your advisor.

First Spring
3 – COUN 520 – Group Counseling
3 – COUN 530 – Applied Counseling Skills – School
3 – COUN 566 – Counseling Children and Adolescents in the Schools

9 Credits [31] *If you’re going slow, you will wait until your second Fall semester (or later) to take COUN 530

Second Summer
3 – COUN 550 – Introduction to Family Counseling
3 – COUN 540 – Appraisal

6 Credits [34] *Again, you can take these any summer.

Second Fall
3 – COUN 585 – Counseling Methods, School
3 – COUN 560 – Life Span Development* (*this is probably where you’ll fit COUN 560 into your schedule vs First Fall)
3 – COUN 575 – Multicultural Counseling

9 Credits [42]

Second Spring
3 – C&I Elective (work with your advisor on the best C&I or PSYX or elective course for your program of study)
2 – COUN 585 – Counseling Methods, School
3 – COUN 525 – Counseling Research and Program Evaluation
1 – COUN 589 – Comprehensive Examination

9 Credits [52 Total credits] *The C&I (AKA: EDLD 520) research class is offered every semester, including summer and you may take that instead of COUN 525, but talk to your advisor about that and everything else.

Basic Rules: (1) You need 52 graduate semester credit hours to graduate; (2) You must take COUN 511, COUN 512, COUN 565, and COUN 610, and be enrolled in COUN 520 and 566 before taking SCH practicum (COUN 530) and you must complete your 100 required COUN 530 hours before you can begin counting your 600 required COUN 585 hours; (3) Check with your advisor on prerequisites, electives, and research; (4) You need 5 credits of COUN 585 or 600 hours (120 hours of COUN 585 = 1 credit).