

Application Process Checklist Mental Health Counseling Program

Spring 2009 Admission only

Application deadline: Oct. 15, 2008

Interview deadline: Oct. 31, 2008

Decision date: Nov. 14, 2008

Fall 2009 Admission only

Application deadline: May 1, 2009

Interview deadline: June 5, 2009

Decision deadline: June 26, 2009

- _____ 1. Attend an informational session. The session introduces the discipline, faculty members and allows for questions and answers regarding academics, practicum, internship and occupational outlook.

**Due in The Graduate School
The University of North Florida
1 UNF Drive
Building 1, Room 1200
Jacksonville, FL 32224**

- _____ 1. Completed Graduate "Application for Admission" and a \$30.00 application fee. Applications are available from the Admissions Office, Bldg. 2, Rm. 1200, or on-line at <http://www.unf.edu/graduatestudies>.
- _____ 2. Official transcripts from all institutions attended.
- _____ 3. Official GRE scores.
- _____ 4. A personal statement. Your personal statement should include an explanation of your reasons and motivation for pursuing a degree in mental health counseling. Please describe short-term and long term professional goals, provide a brief auto-biography noting particular life events and experiences that play a role in your ambition to become a mental health counselor. Address whether you have had first-hand experience with personal counseling. If yes, relate what this experience was like for you and how it may relate to your desire to become a mental health counselor. If no, address how you might feel about the possibility of doing so. Name a particular text or author in the psychological/mental health field that has influenced you the most and describe why.
- _____ 5. Resume. Your resume should summarize your educational, employment, and volunteer work history.
- _____ 6. Three letters of reference. All letters of reference should be from current or previous employers, supervisors and/or professors. One letter must be from a mental health professional.

To complete with Mental Health Counseling Admissions Committee

- _____ 1. On-campus interview. All candidates are expected to attend an interview with the faculty of the Mental Health Counseling Program. Candidates will be contacted by department support staff to arrange for an interview time on campus.
- Students are permitted to take 10 credits as Post-Baccalaureate students without being formally admitted to a graduate program. Recommended courses include: EDF 6495: Research in Counseling, MHS 6407: Theories of Counseling, and MHS 6941: Personality and Life-Span Development.