

## **Admissions to the Counseling Programs at UNCP**

### **Admissions Requirements**

Prospective students should observe the March 15 application deadline date. However, qualified applicants will be considered until the program fills. All admissions will be for the fall semester. In addition to the School of Graduate Studies admissions requirements:

1. All applicants for either the M.A.Ed. degree in Professional School Counseling or the M.A.Ed. degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling are required to submit an essay detailing their experiences relevant to professional counseling. The essay should demonstrate graduate-level writing skills, provide evidence of program-career goal compatibility, and indicate the applicant's willingness to work with diverse populations.
2. At least one of the required letters of recommendation must be from a faculty member who has observed the applicant's academic potential and disposition.
3. All applicants are required to participate in a group interview with program faculty. Interview candidates will be notified in writing of the interview schedule via postal mail and email .
4. Students who are accepted into either counseling program will attend an orientation session, scheduled by the School of Graduate Studies prior to the start of their first semester.

### **Non-Degree Seeking Students**

Prospective students interested in registering for coursework to achieve credentialing in either of the graduate counseling areas should contact the Program Director for information. Requests to take courses for credentialing purposes must be made to the Program Director and will be reviewed by program faculty. Non-degree seeking students, including graduates of either UNCP counseling program, should complete the School of Graduate Studies application form following the procedures for Enrollment for Enrichment Purposes and consult with the Non-Degree Seeking Student Coordinator two months prior to the start of the semester in which the students would like to register for courses. Students who are permitted to take courses as non-degree seeking students will attend an orientation session with the Program Director. Non-degree seeking students are not permitted to take field placement courses at UNCP in either counseling program.