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International Counselor Education &
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Areas of Expertise and Research Interests:
Counselor Education and Supervision,
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Dr. Shannon Smith, Ph.D.
Areas of Expertise and Research Interests:
Social Advocacy and Diversity,
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Additional Information

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Master’s Program in Counselor Education
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The Counselor Education Program offers two graduate degrees:

Master of Science (M.S.) Clinical Mental Health Counseling
A 60-semester hour program. Prepares professional counselors to work in community agencies, educational settings, and private practice.

Master of Education (M.Ed.) School Counseling
A 48-semester hour program. Prepares professional counselors to work on behalf of every student represented in American society.

Our graduate programs:
- Are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
- Prepare students for professional counseling practice in a variety of mental health and educational settings.
- Require a combination of counseling related coursework, practicum/internship experiences and comprehensive exams.
- Prepare students to take the National Counselor Examination (NCE) leading to certification as a National Certified Counselor (NCC).

Master’s Degree Information

Admission Requirements
Admission into the M.S. Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and the M.Ed. Degree in School Counseling is a competitive process requiring applicants to meet the standards and criteria of the UNLV Graduate College and the specific requirements of the Counselor Education Program. Applicants will be responsible for ensuring that their application files are complete and submitted before the appropriate deadline.

International students should contact the Graduate College for current deadlines and procedures. Those applying for Financial Aid should verify dates and procedures online at: http://financialaid.unlv.edu/ or by calling (702) 895-3424.

To ensure the most favorable consideration for admission into the M.S. Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling or the M.Ed. Degree in School Counseling, applicants should:
- Meet the University of Nevada, Las Vegas standards for admission into the Graduate College;
- Achieve an overall undergraduate GPA of 2.75, with a minimum of 3.0 in the last two years of undergraduate work.
- Provide official transcripts mailed directly from each university/college attended
- Complete the Online Department Application for Admission form
- Provide written essays as writing samples
- Submit three professional letters of recommendation that must include the contact information of the person writing the letter.

Application Deadlines
The application deadline each year is February 1st. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit all application materials well in advance of the deadlines.

Financial Assistance
Graduate Assistantships, Barrick Fellowships, and Alumni Scholarships are examples of assistance available through the Graduate College. Please contact the Graduate College for additional information (702) 895-3320 or visit http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu

Information on grants, loans, and employment opportunities may be obtained from Student Financial Services at (702) 895-3424, or toll free 1-800-334-UNLV or visit http://financialaid.unlv.edu

Additional Program Information
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