



# WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## GRADUATE STUDIES FACT SHEET

### PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR LICENSURE PREPARATION PROGRAM

#### NEED FOR LICENSURE

The use of the title “licensed professional counselor” is restricted for use by only those who have successfully completed the requirements for licensure under the regulations of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors, 49 Pa. Code § 47.1 et seq.

This law requires the completion of a planned program of study consisting of 60 semester hours of graduate course work in counseling or a closely related field. As part of the 60 hours, candidates are required to have completed a 48-credit master’s degree program in counseling or a closely related area. Other requirements can be found by going to the Pennsylvania Code at <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter49/chap49toc.html>.

#### PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

As defined by this code, the practice of professional counseling includes the following: to apply the principles and practices of counseling, mental health, and human development; to evaluate and facilitate human growth and adjustment throughout the life span; and to prevent and treat mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders and associated stresses that interfere with mental health and normal growth and development.

Counseling Applications

- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Career counseling

#### DESCRIPTION

The post-master’s program in professional counselor licensure preparation is designed

to meet the education and internship requirements of counselors who aspire to attain licensure in the state of Pennsylvania. The program has been designed with a commitment to education and training that will provide the skills and the confidence needed for holders of the letter of completion to provide competent and ethical professional counseling services.

#### PROGRAM OF STUDY

The program requires a minimum of 12 semester hours.

##### I. Required courses (nine semester hours):

- EDC 610 Diagnostic-Intervention Connection for Professional Counselors
- EDC 620 Advanced Counseling Interventions
- EDC 650 Advanced Counselor Internship

##### II. Electives (minimum of three semester hours)

- EDC 594-598 Special Topics
- EDC 630 Systems Concepts and Skills
- PSY 517/519 Psychopathology
- Other counselor education courses as appropriate

#### ADMISSIONS

Applicants should submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education:

- Completed graduate application including goals statement (apply online at [www.wcupa.edu/grad](http://www.wcupa.edu/grad))
- Recent resume
- Official academic transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended providing evidence on completion

of master’s degree in counseling or a closely related area (e.g., clinical psychology)

- A minimum of two professional references

An admissions interview may be required.

Note: Candidates who completed their graduate study at West Chester University are not required to submit transcripts or letters of reference.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education  
McKelvie Hall  
102 West Rosedale Avenue  
West Chester University  
West Chester, PA 19383

Call: 610-436-2943

Fax: 610-436-2763

E-mail: [gradstudy@wcupa.edu](mailto:gradstudy@wcupa.edu)

Web: [www.wcupa.edu/grad](http://www.wcupa.edu/grad)

Visit: [www.facebook.com/wcugrad](http://www.facebook.com/wcugrad)

*Or contact the department:*

Write: Department of Counselor Education  
Graduate Business Center  
West Chester University  
West Chester, PA 19383

Call: 610-436-2559

Web: [www.wcupa.edu/\\_academics/coed/departments/counseloreducation/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_academics/coed/departments/counseloreducation/)

The Graduate Catalog is available online at [www.wcupa.edu/\\_information/official.documents/graduate.catalog/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/official.documents/graduate.catalog/).

#### ABOUT GRADUATE STUDIES

West Chester University offers high-quality graduate degrees in more than 70 disciplines or areas of study, as well as certificate and certification programs. The graduate

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studies program has grown remarkably since its introduction in 1960. West Chester University's program is the largest within the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education enrolling more than 2,100 graduate students.

Programs can be taken on a part-time basis, and most of the graduate classes are scheduled during late afternoons and evenings for the benefit of in-service teachers and other employed persons.

## ABOUT WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

A regional, public institution, West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as certification and certificate programs,

in more than 100 subject areas. As the second largest member of the State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school ac-

quired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, as well as 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor, West Chester University is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington, Del. The campus is convenient to major cultural institutions, recreational activities, and commercial businesses, many of which provide internship opportunities for WCU's students.

