ED.M. PROGRAM IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The master’s program in counseling psychology is designed to prepare individuals for admission to doctoral-level training programs in professional psychology. Since most courses are offered in the late afternoon and evening hours, both full and part-time study are possible.

The 33-credit master's program in counseling psychology meets the needs of prospective applicants to doctoral training programs in professional psychology by:

1. providing an opportunity for students from diverse cultural, educational, and personal backgrounds to demonstrate competence in graduate-level courses required by doctoral programs in professional psychology;
2. encouraging students to explore the professional specialty of counseling psychology;
3. learning more about the role of the professional psychologist as one that applies psychological principles to help individual, group, or institutional clients with the development of human potential and the prevention and remediation of human problems.

II. APPLICATION DEADLINES:
Fall admission - February 1 deadline
Spring admission - October 15 deadline

III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must provide the following before the deadline:
1. Personal statement
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. Current Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores
   (Any test scores submitted must be less than 5 years old as of the application deadline. Scores must be official, not self-reported.)
4. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts

Criteria for admission emphasize aptitude for graduate study, interpersonal effectiveness, breadth and relevance of experience, and appropriateness of career goals.

The candidate's personal statement and letters of recommendation receive particular attention in the review process. These documents are most useful to the Admissions Committee when they include specific and concrete evidence of effective performance and interest in the field. Three letters of recommendation are desirable, preferably from current or recent employment supervisors and professors who have supervised the applicant's prior academic work.

IV. HOW TO APPLY: Applications are submitted online at the Graduate Admissions website:
http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/

1. Click on “Apply Now” and follow the instructions given.
2. Choose "Degree Application", for Application Type.
3. For Program Name choose "Education: Counseling Psychology" from the drop down menu.
4. Across from “Education: School Counseling and Counseling Psychology 15297”, click the link for the semester you want to apply for.
5. Under First Preference Concentration, choose “Counseling Psychology-No Certification”. (2nd and 3rd preferences can be left blank.)
6. Complete the application by providing the requested information.
7. Supporting materials must be submitted online or mailed to the Graduate Admissions office at Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions (New Brunswick), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 56 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8530.
8. Enter payment information for the non-refundable application fee.
9. Submit your application and authorize payment for the non-refundable application fee.

V. PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

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Total Credits: 33

Note: The Ed.M. program in counseling psychology does not include practicum training although students can enroll in a fieldwork experience if they obtain faculty approval. Students should be aware they may be less competitive for professional psychology programs without practicum experience.

VI. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION: No comprehensive examination is required.

VIII. PROGRAM FACULTY:

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