

# Child and Adolescent Counseling Graduate Certificate

- Analyze factors that influence children and adolescents' academic, career, social, and emotional well-being and success.
- Demonstrate strategies to support and advocate for the mental health of children and youth involved in various systems of care, including family, school, and community settings.

## Admission Requirements

Requirements for admission to the Child and Adolescent Counseling Certificate program are:

Current "good standing" (non-probation) in an UMSL graduate mental health practitioner training program (counseling, social work, or psychology)

OR all of the following criteria must be met:

- Undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Enrollment in a graduate mental health practitioner or related training program OR earned Master's degree in mental health field (or related)
- Two letters of recommendation with at least one from a current or former college-level instructor (or someone with a graduate degree who can attest to the applicant's capacity to complete graduate-level work)
- Two-page personal statement explaining the applicant's personal and professional goals.

## Program Requirements

### Core

CNS ED 6600	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
CNS ED 6610	Introduction to Play Therapy	3

### Systems of Care Elective 3

Choose one of the following. The course may not count toward a current degree program:

CNS ED 6500	Introduction to Systems in Counseling
CNS ED 6200	Foundations of School Counseling

### Specialty Elective 3

Choose one of the following:

CNS ED 6520	Family Counseling
CNS ED 6620	Advanced Play Therapy
CNS ED 6630	Career Development in K-12 Schools
CNS ED 6680	School Counseling in the Classroom
CNS ED 6730	Counseling for Loss, Crisis, and Trauma

**Total Hours 12**

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, certificate earners will be able to:

- Apply knowledge and skills to provide developmentally and culturally responsive counseling for children and adolescents.
- Use theoretically based techniques when counseling children and adolescents in various settings.