



M.S. CHRD *specializing in* School Counseling

The mission of the Counseling and Human Resource Development Department (CHRD) is to provide leadership in counselor education by preparing graduate students to enter the profession in one of four areas of specialty: Student Personnel Services, Counseling in an Agency (Community) setting, Counseling in a School setting, and Rehabilitation and Mental Health. This mission is accomplished through creative and dedicated teaching and mentoring; original and challenging scholarly research; and genuine service to others. Defining and promoting public understanding of the dynamics of human development and mental health are features of the program.

ACCREDITATION

The School Counseling program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Higher Education (CHEA).

This program prepares students to sit for the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) exam, the NCE. If passed successfully, the student would become “Board Eligible” for certification as a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC). In addition, the program prepares students for endorsement/certification as a school counselor in the state of South Dakota. Should the student seek endorsement in another state, it is that student’s responsibility to meet any additional requirements by that particular state.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

The curriculum offers high quality education emphasizing: individual, group, and family counseling; career development; research; school counseling; and multicultural and professional ethics. Upon successful completion of the program requirements, students will:

- understand developmental theory as it relates to the difference(s) between “normal” developmental behavior and “abnormal” developmental behavior in youth;
- utilize knowledge and skills to address the counseling needs of a dynamic and diverse population of students and their families;
- be prepared to create and deliver a comprehensive, K-12 developmental school guidance program;
- be able to consult with school personnel and serve as a liaison to community programs to assist in coordinating services for students, parents, and teachers;
- understand and provide effective individual, group, and classroom guidance services;
- know the ethical, legal, and professional standards in a K-12 educational institution;
- develop a commitment to continued personal and professional development;
- be certified by the State of South Dakota as a K-12 School Counselor; and
- be prepared to pursue licensure as a professional counselor.

PLAN OF STUDY

The School Counseling plan of study consists of the following courses:

CHRD 601—Introduction to Professional Issues & Ethics I	1
CHRD 602—Research and Evaluation in Counseling.....	3
CHRD 610—Developmental Issues in Counseling.....	3
CHRD 661—Theories of Counseling.....	3
CHRD 701—Professional Issues & Ethics II	1
CHRD 721—School Counseling.....	3
CHRD 723—Counseling the Family <i>or</i>	3
CHRD 755—Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning	4
CHRD 731—Multicultural Counseling & Human Relations	3
CHRD 736—Appraisal of the Individual.....	3
CHRD 742—Career Counseling and Planning	3
CHRD 766—Group Counseling	3
CHRD 785—Pre-Practicum.....	3
CHRD 786—Counseling Practicum	3
CHRD 794—Internship.....	6
Elective	3
<i>Total Credit Hours</i>	<i>48</i>

LINKS

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP): www.cacrep.org

The American Counseling Association (ACA): www.counseling.org

The American School Counselors Association (ASCA): www.schoolcounselor.org

The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC): www.nbcc.com

HOW TO APPLY

1. **Apply online to the SDSU Graduate School at:** www.sdstate.edu/admissions/graduate/index.cfm.

Admission to the Graduate School requires the applicant be a graduate of an Institution of higher learning with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better, a \$35.00 nonrefundable application fee, and official undergraduate and graduate transcript(s) of all non-SD regent universities. *For more information about Graduate School, call (605) 688-4181.*

2. **Apply to the CHRD department**

CHRD requires formal application and interview to the department one semester *before* graduate work is desired; the following application materials are due April 1 for fall admission and October 1 for spring admission: a typed, current resume that includes all previous work experience, volunteer service, and education that has contributed to your desire to enter the counseling profession; typed, one-page goal statement; and two CHRD Recommendation Forms (we do not accept the SDSU Graduate School Personal reference Forms). *For more information about the application process or the CHRD program, please contact the department at (605) 688-4190.*

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