

# Counselor Education & Supervision

## Doctor of Philosophy



### Hands-On Experience, Individualized Learning

UNC's doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision provides students with the skills to lead in a wide range of counseling settings, while offering unique opportunities for learning and advancement. The course of study includes a common core of relevant and timely courses and experiences meant to engage and challenge learners in their personal and professional development.

Students take part in leadership, mentoring and service activities that extend the curriculum beyond the classroom and training clinic. At UNC you'll work closely with top faculty who bring strong leadership and research experience to the classroom, while offering plenty of personal interaction.

### Career Pathway

Graduates of our Counselor Education and Supervision Ph.D. program pursue careers in a variety of settings, such as:

- Faculty members
- Advanced clinicians
- Couples and family counselors
- School counselors
- Directors of school counseling departments
- Directors of counseling agencies

Graduates will also be qualified for licensure as a professional counselor (LPC), for employment in community agencies, schools, counseling centers, employee assistance programs and private practice.

### Degree Options

Choose an area of emphasis based on your interest, including:

- Play therapy
- School counseling
- Couples and family counseling
- Gerontological counseling

Or choose a 15-credit doctoral minor in one of several different fields as a substitute for the emphasis area requirement.

### Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery (with some online, weekend and evening classes available)
- Credits required: 83-92
- Time to Completion: Three years
- Classes start: Fall or Spring semesters

## Related Programs

- Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A.
- Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling/Therapy, M.A.
- School Counseling, M.A.
- Counseling Psychology, Ph.D.

## Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$685 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,296 per credit hour plus fees. You may qualify for CO resident tuition — see WRGP information at right.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit [UNCO.EDU/COSTS](https://unco.edu/costs).

## What Students Say

“It is difficult to put into words the impact the Counselor Education and Supervision program has had on my life, both personally and professionally. The support of the faculty has been critical to my development as an instructor, supervisor, and researcher. I have been encouraged to pursue my personal research interests, engage in projects that nurtured my leadership skills, as well as supported to make decisions that were in the best interest of my family. As I am working to finish my dissertation, I feel prepared to enter my career in academia, and confident in my ability to be a valuable resource, contributing to the growth of the CES field. I sincerely believe choosing to call UNC home has made all the difference in regards to my academic success.”

*Elizabeth Tolliver, current student*

## Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit [UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX](https://unco.edu/graduate-school/funding/western-regional-graduate-program.aspx)
- Several competitive teaching assistantships that include tuition waivers.

For more information contact Financial Aid at [UNCO.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID/](https://unco.edu/financial-aid/).

## Faculty Spotlight

### Jennifer Smith, Ph.D.

Jennifer Smith, Ph.D., is a researcher specializing in qualitative methodologies with scholarly publications including “A phenomenological investigation: Microaggressions and counselors-in-training” and “Proposing an initiative research methodology for LGBTQ+ youth: Photo-elicitation and thematic analysis.” Her research interests include equity for marginalized populations, namely LGBTQ+ youth, play therapy, and counselor development. She currently serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Counselor Leadership and Advocacy, a Chi Sigma Iota publication. She is an Approved Clinical Supervisor and a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor.

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## About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.



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