



Graduate School

School Counseling

Master of Arts



Positive Learning Settings Create Student Success

If your career goal is to work with children, adolescents and adults in a K-12 school setting, our School Counseling master's degree will prepare you to make a difference in people's lives. Program coursework draws from theory-based content, also emphasizing applied practice. Our interactive and dynamic learning environment includes an on-site, state-of-the-art training clinic, where you'll hone your counseling knowledge and skills by working with individuals of all ages.

You'll then engage in external practicum and internship experiences in local K-12 schools. Taught by licensed faculty with diverse areas of specialization, they will help you to better understand the academic and social challenges facing students and schools today.

Career Pathway

Graduates from UNC's School Counseling program are qualified to accept counseling positions in elementary, middle and high schools.

The 2014 to 2024 projected career growth for school counselors is eight percent nationally and 23 percent in Colorado. Employment growth is driven by increasing school enrollments requiring more qualified counselors to support students' academic and developmental needs.

Degree Options

School counselors who work in Colorado schools are required to take the Praxis or Place exam and are eligible for licensure through the Colorado Department of Education.

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery, classes begin Fall or Summer terms
- For Extended Campus start terms, visit [EXTENDED.UNCO.EDU](https://extended.unco.edu)
- Credits Required: 63
- Time to Completion: 2.5 years full-time

Related Programs

- Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A.
- Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling/Therapy, M.A.
- Rehabilitation Counseling, M.A.

Cost and Value

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

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$633 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,185 per credit hour plus fees. You may qualify for CO resident tuition — see WRGP information at right.

Extended Campus: \$618 per credit hour.

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).

Faculty Spotlight

Jennifer Murdock-Bishop, Ph.D.

Jennifer Murdock Bishop, both a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Special Services Provider: School Counselor (0-21) in the state of Colorado, earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of Wyoming. She previously earned her M.A. in Education and her B.A. in Family and Consumer Sciences, both from Chadron State College. Her research interests include professional identity and orientation, career counseling and career transitions, and the use of creative instructional strategies.

What Students Say

“My advisor was supportive and helpful with my personal, academic, and professional planning, and the flexibility in scheduling allowed me to work while earning my degree.”

-Current Student, School Counseling, 2017

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Every year a number of graduate assistantships are open to students throughout campus. Our students typically are highly successful at securing these assistantships with, for example, Housing and Residential Life, Veterans Services, Disability Support Services, Career Services, and the Department of Athletics, just to name a few.
- 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)

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

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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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