UNO School Counselor Program (K-12)

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*Note - This information is applicable to individuals seeking a School Counseling position in the state of Nebraska. If you are not currently enrolled the School Counseling program at UNO, please visit https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-education/counseling/graduate/index.php for information regarding the application process, including requirements and deadlines.

School Counseling Provisional Endorsement/Certification for Nebraska Department of Education

With Current Nebraska Teaching Degree	Teaching Program Alternative Permit
• Complete the 36-hour UNO School Counseling/Core Courses Curriculum • Complete/pass program exit requirements/exams during internship experiences • **Provisional Certification** – enables candidates to apply for school counseling positions prior to program completion 18 of 36-hour (50%) UNO program completed including multiple school counseling courses. **The Provisional Certification is good for 3 years and is nonrenewable** Hiring policies vary by school district, so check on possible exceptions	• Complete the 36-hour UNO School Counseling/Core Courses Curriculum • Complete/pass program exit requirements/exams during internships • Complete 12 graduate credit-hours from UNO TED courses listed on bottom of this document. (Education courses from another institution need to be approved by the UNO Graduate Faculty on a case by case basis) • **Alternative Permit** – enables candidate to apply for school counseling positions prior to program completion 24 of 36-hour (75%) UNO program completed including multiple school counseling courses 6 of 12 (50%) teacher education hours completed from list below. **The Alternative Teaching Permit is good for 2 years and is nonrenewable** Hiring policies vary by school district, so check on possible exceptions

Teaching Program Alternative Permit Information and Requirements

1. **Requirements to begin working as a school counselor with the Teaching Program Alternative Permit:**
   - Completion of 75% (**24 credit-hours**) of the School Counselor endorsement coursework completed (**or equivalent coursework and/or degree verified by the UNO Counseling department**).
   - 50% (**6 credit-hours**) of approved teacher education program coursework.
   - Employment verification. Please send to unocertification@unomaha.edu

2. **There are now *7 pathways* to getting a Teaching Program Alternative Permit. See here for more detail:** https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/teaching-certificates/teaching-alternative-permit/
3. **Submit Application for Teaching Program Alternative Permit to NDE:** https://www.education.ne.gov/TCERT/index.html
   Submit official transcripts to NDE: https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/regulations-and-requirements/official-transcripts/

4. **Notify UNO Certification of the application submission to NDE.** unocertification@unomaha.edu

   Please provide last name, first name, middle initial, NUID, and the area of endorsement, degree or coursework in your notification. UNO Certification will process the verification paperwork for enrolled UNO students at the time the **Teaching Program Alternative Permit** application is submitted to NDE and completion of all requirements of the permit have **been verified by the Counseling department**.

   The teaching program alternative permit is valid for two (2) years and is nonrenewable.

UNO School Counseling Program Required Coursework

Please note: Course offerings vary each term and are subject to change (including delivery method). You will need dilgently check that courses are offered on MavLink or UNO class search during the term you are registering for.

Course	Course Name	Method of Instruction	Internship Pre-Req	Fall	Spring	Summer	Credits
COUN 8100 or EDL 8010	Research in Counseling Introductory Research Methods	COUN 8100 – In Person EDL 8010 - Remote		X X	X X	X X	3
COUN 8016	Mental Health in Schools (Starts Fall 2026)	Remote		X	X	X	3
COUN 8030	Counseling Practices (SC section starting Fall 2026 but only Spring/Summer moving forward)	In Person	X	x	X	X	3
COUN 8040	Ethical Issues for Professional Counselors (SC section starting Summer 2027, only Spring/Summer moving forward)	Remote	X		X	X	3
COUN 8110	Human Development and Psycho-Social Intervention Strategies	Online		X	X	X	3
COUN 8440	Trauma Informed Practices in Schools (Starts Spring 2027)	Remote		X	X	X	3
COUN 8520	Counseling Multicultural and Diverse Populations	In Person	X	X	X	X	3
COUN 8630	Foundations and Issues in Secondary School Counseling (Starts Spring 2027, only Fall/Spring moving forward)	Remote	X	X	X		3
COUN 8670	Career and College Planning for P-12 School Counselors	In Person	X	X			3
COUN 8740	School Counseling Groups	In Person	X	X			3
COUN 8430	Internship in School Counseling	In Person		X			3
COUN 8460	Advanced Internship in School Counseling	In Person			X		3
100 Hours of Practical Experience must be logged before Internship							
TOTAL CREDITS							**36**

Approved Teacher Education Coursework for Teaching Program Alternative Permit

If the candidate has not previously earned a teaching certificate then they must also complete a minimum of **12 additional credit-hours** of professional teacher education coursework related to classroom management, special education, pedagogy, and diversity. Courses are subject to change so please verify on MavLink or UNO class search.

Course	Course Name		Fall	Spring	Summer	Credits
TED 8390 (Required)	• Classroom Management (Remote) ○ 4 virtual meetings or • Classroom Management Elementary ○ 3-week course, permit needed, Contact SC Program Coordinator or • Classroom Management Secondary ○ 3-week course, permit needed, Contact SC Program Coordinator				X X X	3
Special Education (Choose one)	• SPED 8030 Teaching Students with Exceptionalities (Remote or Hybrid/In-Person) • SPED 8120 High Incidence Disabilities (Online)		 X		X X	3
Pedagogy (Choose one)	• TED 8300 Effective Teaching Practices (Fall/Summer, Hybrid/Remote) • TED 8120 Foundations of ML/ESL (Spring, Hybrid/Remote – includes a practicum) • TED 8160 ML Strategies for Educators (Fall/Spring, Remote) • TED 8200 Social Worlds of Young Child (Fall, Hybrid) • TED 8220 Play as a Learning Medium in Early Childhood Education (Summer, Hybrid/Remote) • TED 8240 Family, School, and Community Partners (Spring, Hybrid) • TED 8550 Technology for Creative and Critical Thinking (Spring, Remote) • TED 8560 Technology for Diverse Learners (Fall/Summer, Remote) • TED 8850 Professional Collaboration (Summer, Online)		X X X X	 X X X X 	X X X X	3
Diversity (Choose one)	• TED 8130 Language, Culture and Power (Summer/Fall, Remote) • TED 8180 Culturally Responsive Teaching (Spring, Remote) • TED 8210 Equity and Social Justice (Summer, Remote) • TED 8280 Intro to Human Rights in P-12 Education (Spring, Remote) • TED 8290 Trauma-Informed Instruction (Fall/Summer, Hybrid/Remote) • TED 9200 Critical Pedagogy (Summer, Remote)		X X 	 X X X 	X X X	3
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDITS						**12**