

Counseling and Educational Psychology Program – International Students and Applicants

Dear International Student:

We appreciate your interest in our programs. We hope you will find meaningful information on our website. In addition, we have added some information that may be helpful for an international applicant. We know that you may have additional questions, so do not hesitate contacting us with your questions:

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UMKC International Student Affairs Office

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1. Transfer of Courses – for Master of Arts and Educational Specialist Students Only

If you believe that you have completed an equivalent course that is required in our program, you may request a waiver. To request a waiver you need to bring course information with you, such as a course syllabus that contains information about required readings and assignments.

2. Counseling and Educational Psychology TOEFL Requirements

Success in the counseling profession relies heavily on oral expression and, therefore, the Counseling and Educational Psychology program faculty require that all non-native English speaking international student applicants demonstrate their oral English proficiency by obtaining a score of at least 23 points (score range 0-30) on the speaking section and at least 20 points (score range 0-30) on the listening section of the iBT TOEFL before their applications are reviewed by the admissions committee. Please be aware that the minimum admission score for the iBT TOEFL test set by the UMKC International Student Affairs Office is 79, and that the Counseling and Educational Psychology program requires specific minimum scores on the speaking and listening subtests in addition to the University requirement.

3. Student Background Check Requirement

Students are required to obtain and provide verification of a current criminal background check as a condition of participating in any clinical experiences in the Counseling and Educational Psychology programs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, including the Community Counseling and Assessment Services (CCAS). Verification must be provided prior to the student's assignment enrollment in practicum courses. Failure to submit such information will make a student unable to complete the professional degree program. For international students, this means that you need to obtain a background check from appropriate authorities in your country and bring it with you to the United States. You also need to ensure translation of the document, by an authorized translator, if it is not in English. If you have resided in the United States for several years, you need to provide a background check from the United States. For more information, please see our Division website for Practicum & Internship.

4. Visa and Graduate Assistantship Eligibility for Graduate International Students

For an international student to work legally on university campuses in the United States, they need to hold an appropriate visa, such as the F1 or J1 visa. If you have questions about your visa and eligibility to work, please contact UMKC's International Student Affairs Office (contact information above).

5. Funding Opportunities

On our website, you can find information about funding opportunities, including employment and scholarships. Traditionally, doctoral students have precedence for graduate assistantships available in our Division. However, graduate assistantship and other types of employment are available across campus.

6. Other International Students

International students are currently enrolled in the program at both the MA and Ph.D. level. If you are interested in talking to a current international student, please contact Johanna Nilsson at nilssonj@umkc.edu.