

ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
EDUCATION SPECIALIST - COUNSELING  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

As a result of the interest in the EDS - Counseling program at Mississippi College, it has become necessary to establish more specific policies and procedures for admission to the degree program. All Students applying for admission must comply with these guidelines.

1. General requirements for admission to the graduate school and the EDS degree program must be met.
2. Supply at least two recommendations from persons familiar with the applicant's character, scholarship and potential for successful advanced graduate work.  
<http://www.mc.edu/academics/graduate/files/9513/2251/4396/letter-of-recommendation.pdf>
3. Student must submit official scores to the graduate office.

LACKS PRAXIS - MUST have a composite score of 1000 or better on the pre-1983 NTE OR have met the State minimum scores on the appropriate sections of the PRAXIS SERIES: PPST (Reading - 170, Writing - 172, Mathematics - 169, and PLT - 152), or the NTE Core Battery (Communication Skills-651; General Knowledge-646; and Professional Knowledge-649).

4. Present evidence of satisfactory scholarship with an average of at least 3.0 on previous graduate work.
5. Participate in the required orientation workshop.  
[http://www.mc.edu/academics/graduate/files/1313/2649/2279/Goal\\_and\\_Autobiographical\\_Statement\\_form.pdf](http://www.mc.edu/academics/graduate/files/1313/2649/2279/Goal_and_Autobiographical_Statement_form.pdf)
6. Must hold a bachelor's and master's degree from an accredited college or university in an appropriate field of study as determined by the faculty advisor, the School of Education Graduate Committee, and the Graduate Dean.
7. Hold or qualify to hold a Class "AA" Educator's License in the area of specialization or equivalent.
8. Must have passed the Mississippi Counselor Accountability Instrument. (MCAI)
9. Must have completed graduate level courses in school curriculum and research.

Students who meet all requirements for admission will be chosen from the applicant pool by the Counseling Department Admissions Committee for entry to the EDS-Counseling program. Currently selection will occur as follows:

**FALL ADMISSION - APPLICATION AND MATERIAL DEADLINE IS JUNE 15**

**SPRING ADMISSION - APPLICATION AND MATERIAL DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15**

**SUMMER ADMISSION - APPLICATION AND MATERIAL DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15**

\*Mail all materials to the Mississippi College, Office of Graduate Studies, Box 4029, Clinton, MS 39058 for transmittal to the Counseling Department.

***# You should check with the Graduate Office two weeks before the deadline to be sure we have received everything.***

Upon completion of twelve hours of graduate work taken at MC, a student must secure a recommendation for candidacy from their Psychology/Counseling Admission to Graduate Candidacy Ad Hoc Committee in order to enter candidacy status. The committee will carefully review the student's work and record and recommend remediation, if necessary. Completion of all other MC College admission to candidacy requirements as listed in the MC College catalog is required as well.

***Mississippi College reserves the right to modify any and all admission procedures it deems necessary.***