REQUEST FOR A NEW MAJOR
University of Central Oklahoma

Please note: All information contained in this form will be reviewed by persons outside of your college. Please use clear and concise language when completing this form.

Proposed Name of Major (limited to 30 spaces*)
*Remember when abbreviating names, this is how they will appear on student's transcripts.

School & Prof Counseling

Name of Major: (full name of major if longer than 30 characters)

School and Professional Counseling

To which program is this new major connected:
School Counseling

Degree Designation (ex. B.S., M.A.)
M.Ed.

CIP Code: 13.1101 For information regarding CIP codes contact your department chair or visit: http://www.ucase.edu/academic-affairs/ir/program_inventory.asp.

Does this new major affect other programs or departments?
X Yes No If yes, provide name(s) of department chair(s) contacted, date(s), and results of discussion(s).

Sociology, Gerontology & Substance Abuse Studies, Dr. Doug Reed, approved 1/30/2020

Date submitted to Provost Cabinet: Sept. 2 - Dean's Council

All proposals for new programs and majors must be presented by the College Dean to the Provost Cabinet for prioritization, planning and approval to proceed.

The Donna Nigh Department of Advanced Professional and Special Services
Department submitting the proposal

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Approved by:

Laresse Beliles 7-21-2020
Department Chair Date

Academic Affairs Curriculum or Graduate Council Date

Office of Academic Affairs Date

Effective term for this program change
(Assigned by Academic Affairs)
1. **What is the objective of this new major?** *(This is a question from the OSRHE request for new major form)*

   To allow for a 60 hour major with the option of applying for student loans

2. **Proposed curriculum as it will appear in the catalog:** *(Please place asterisk(s) beside new courses and submit a "Request for a New Course" form for each new course.)*

   **(Proposed Major Requirements)……..45 hours**
   - GUID 5013 Principles/Ethics School Counseling
   - GUID 5113 Theories & Tech of Grp Couns. (Preq: GUID 5163)
   - GUID5133 Multicultural Couns (Preq: GUID 5163)
   - GUID 5153 Couns. Interv. Strat.(Preq: GUID 5163)
   - GUID 5163 Theories & Tech of Inv. Scl. Couns.
   - GUID 5253 Dev. Guidance (Preq: GUID 5013 & ESFR 5153)
   - GUID 5443 Career Guidance (Preq: GUID 5013)
   - GUID 5950 Internship 150 clock hrs (Preq: GUID 5163, 5113, 5153) – 3 credit hours
   - ESFR 5013 Foundations of Educational Research
   - ESFR 5383 Principles of Tests and Measurements
   - GUID 5193 Abnormal Psych for School Personnel
   - GUID 5213 Counselor as Consultant
   - GUID 5333 Individual Test Interpretation
   - GUID 5900 Practicum 150 clock hours (Preq: GUID 5163, 5113, 5153 & completed 51 hrs. of course work) – 3 credit hours

   **Electives (15 hours)**
   - GUID 5343 Counseling Children & Adolescents
   - SPED 5543 Counseling Families with Disabilities
   - SAS 5303 Substance Abuse in Special Populations
   - SAS 5323 Psychopharmacology & Neurobiology of Addiction
   - SAS 5443 Family Systems Therapy
   - SAS 5633 Counseling the Abused
   - SAS 5910 Sem: Codependency
   - GER 5363 Psychology of Aging
   - GER 5463 Bereavement Counseling
   - FMCD 5043 Family Dynamics & Sexuality

   Total hours required for degree ........60 hours

3. **Have you checked to ensure there are no hidden requirements with each of the proposed courses in the curriculum?**
   - X Yes  No

4. **Demand for this new major. What is the local, regional, and/or national need for this program?**

   Provide market analysis data or other tangible evidence to support employment opportunities available for graduates of this major using state and national market surveys, employment projections, trend analysis, etc.

   School Counselors are currently on the Okla. Department of Education shortage list and more schools are beginning to also hire LPCs to fill this shortage area. Currently 75% of students in the School Counseling program at UCO state that they are interested in completing requirements for Licensed
Professional Counselor also (based on self-report of students entering the School Counseling Program, 1/13/2020) and students in internship (1/21/2020). Projected growth for school counseling and mental health counseling is growing much faster than average (10% +) nationwide and in Okla. with Education Services, Health Care, and social assistance being the top industries. Currently in Okla., with School Counseling being on the Okla. Department of Educ. shortage list, more Okla. school districts are hiring mental health counselors to fill the need for school counselors in public schools.

5. Projected number of students expected to select this major over the first three years.

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6. Projected new cost of the major over the first three years based on the projected number of students expected to select this major for:

a. Faculty or staff (new or re-allocated faculty/staff and specify whether full-time or part-time)

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b. Resources, technology, supplies or equipment that must be acquired for this new major:

   List items which must be purchased and estimated cost. (Be specific.)

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7. Does the UCO Library have the required library resources available for this new major?  
   Yes X No If yes, provide names of Librarian/Faculty Liaisons contacted, dates, and results of discussion.

   No new or additional resources are required for this new major, Michelle Robertson, DPS Library Liaison, 1/31/2020.

8. Will the majority of this major be available via electronic media? (If so, explain: online, SPOC, etc.)
   Yes X No explain

9. Unnecessary duplication: How does the proposed major complement and strengthen existing programs at UCO? List similar majors, if any, and discuss the degree of similarity.

   This major will complement and strengthen School Counseling major as students will have the option of choosing a 60 hour major instead of just a 33 hour major. School Counselors will be better prepared to meet the challenges of mental health issues among their students. They will also have the option to not only work as a School Counselor but also a Licensed Professional Counselor in the public school setting or in the community.

10. The purpose and need for this new major is based on which of the following: (Check all that apply; explain and document in Question #11)

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   February, 2018

   Functional review
   (undergraduate proposals only)
Specialized Accreditation
SSCI (Self Study for Continuous Improvement)
Benchmark (e.g. comparison to peer institutions)
Assessment Data
Faculty Knowledge/Discipline Expertise (School Counselors will be better prepared to meet the challenges of mental health issues among their students.)
Advisory Board/Outside Professional Group
Other (School Counselors will have the option of obtaining a license to work as Licensed Professional Counselors in the community. School Counseling students will also have the ability to apply for student loans to continue their education and pursue LPC.

11. For all items checked in Question #10, please provide a concise, yet comprehensive, statement that explains the purpose and need for requesting the new major including any necessary documentation. (The information provided here will be submitted to the OSRHE)

The 33 hours School Counseling, M.Ed. provides the necessary courses to be eligible to take the Okla. School Counseling exam to become a School Counseling at the K-12 level. The additional 27 hours that are currently available for School Counseling students to complete gives students the 60 hours required to be eligible to take the Licensed Professional Counselor exam in the state of Okla. Currently students receive a 33 hour M.Ed. in School Counseling then must take the additional 27 hours as undeclared majors. The new major will allow students to complete the School Counseling courses and complete the additional 27 hours for a 60 hour School and Professional Counseling M.Ed. and be able to apply for student loans. Student are currently are not allowed to apply for student loans as non-degree seeking students after completing the 33 hours of required School Counseling coursework.

https://www.ok.gov/behavioralhealth/UCO - School Counseling.html