

MASTER PROGRAMME IN SCHOOL COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

Description

The Postgraduate program in School Counseling and Guidance is offered by the Department of Psychology at the University of Cyprus, in collaboration with the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The program leads to a Specialized Postgraduate Diploma (Master of Arts) in School Counseling and Guidance.

Purpose

The program's aim is to provide postgraduate training in school counseling and guidance thereby enabling the employment of educators who will be able to function as counselors (in line with the English definition of counselor) for students with regard to personal, family, education, and job-related issues which may be of concern to them.

Fees

The fees for the program amount to a total of €5.125.

Duration

The duration of study for obtaining the Specialized Postgraduate Diploma is two academic years with a minimum period of study of three academic semesters and a maximum of eight semesters.

Language of Instruction

The language of instruction for the courses, and for writing and completing course assignments within the program is Greek.

Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by Psychology graduates or those who hold a degree from any of the Sciences of Education or those who hold a degree which allows them to be appointed in Secondary Education. All of the above degrees must have been obtained at an accredited or recognized University.

Job Prospects

Graduates of the program will be eligible to register in the catalogues of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Educational Service Commission in order to be appointed as Counseling and Vocational Guidance teachers, provided they also hold the other qualifications required to be appointed in such a position. They will also be able to acquire similar positions in schools and educational organizations. Finally, graduates will also be eligible to

continue their studies at a doctoral level at accredited or recognized universities, if they wish to pursue an academic career path.

Program Structure

Completion of the programme requires 140 ECTS.

The program includes 12 courses (6 required courses and 6 electives), each of which credits 7.5 ECTS, a compulsory practicum of a total of 500 hours in public or private schools which is completed over two consecutive semesters with 20 ECTS credits, in addition to a mandatory research project (Master's thesis) which credits 30 ECTS.

Participation in lectures is mandatory. All courses take place in Cyprus. Part of the program of study (up to 20% or a maximum of two electives, excluding the practicum) may be offered as distance learning via teleconference.

Courses

Mandatory Courses (7.5 ECTS each)

COU601 Ethics in School Counseling and Guidance
COU602 Introduction to School Counseling and Guidance
COU605 Vocational Guidance and Counseling I
COU650 Innovation and Creativity in Education
COU660 Educators as Professionals
COU604 Research Methods in Education (or an equivalent course offered by the collaborating departments)
COU700 Master's Thesis I (15 ECTS)
COU701 Master's Thesis II (15 ECTS)
COU789 Practicum I (in Public Schools) – 10 ECTS or COU791 Practicum I (in Private Schools and other sites) – 10 ECTS
COU790 Practicum II (in Public Schools) – 10 ECTS or COU792 Practicum II (in Private Schools and other sites) – 10 ECTS

ELECTIVES Courses (7.5 ECTS each)

Education Courses (selection of 2 courses)

COU651 Theory and Practice of Educational Science
COU652 Skills development at School
COU653 Technologies of Information and Communication in Education
COU654 Human Resource Management in Education
COU655 Social Education
COU656 Curriculum Development and Micro-teaching
COU657 Current Issues in Education
COU661 Minority groups, social exclusion and life-long learning
COU659 Sociology of Education
COU609 Adult Education

Psychology and Counseling Courses (selection of 2 courses)

COU610 Psychology of Education

COU611 Counseling Psychology

COU612 Contemporary Theories of Human Development

COU613 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology

COU614 Psychology of Instruction

COU615 Family and Child Development

COU606 Learning Difficulties

COU607 Prevention and Treatment of Crises in the School

COU608 Intercultural Counseling and Minority Counseling

COU603 Methods and Tools for Assessment and Evaluation in Counseling

COU616 Vocational Guidance and Counseling II

Electives Courses (7.5 ECTS each)

Two postgraduate courses (7.5 ECTS each) of those that are offered widely by both collaborating Departments, depending on the student's interests. The approval of Academic Advisor and the consent of the Instructor are required.

TOTAL 140