

## **Master of Education: Guidance and Counselling**

Students in our program normally do the course route in order to meet counselling accreditation standards and our program typically takes about three years to complete. For students who are considering a thesis, note that one may apply to us for thesis route consideration only after successful completion of 15 credit hours (which must include 2 core course: 07.752 & 07.714). As well, the opportunity to pursue the thesis route is dependent on the availability and suitability of a thesis advisor from the Department of Educational Psychology and Student Services.

A practicum in counselling is also a required component of the Master of Education Guidance and Counselling program at Brandon University. Practicum placement opportunities are typically in a school setting with few exceptions. Students need to negotiate their own counselling locations at their own cost. Although the practicum comes near the end of one's program, we recommend that students think about where they plan to complete their counselling practicum from the beginning, and work throughout your program to forge relationships that will make their practicum possible and successful.

The Guidance and Counselling specialization prepares educators and community mental health practitioners to be counsellors. Students in the program will acquire knowledge and skills to provide ethical individual and group counselling interventions, mental health wellness and prevention programming, and guidance education. In addition to a Master of Education degree, this program leads to the Manitoba School Counsellor Certificate. (Because of this provincial certification, we are no longer providing certification for the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association.) We encourage students to make sure that the courses you are taking are eligible for certification by periodically reviewing the School Counsellor Certificate Guidelines available through Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning at: <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/specedu/guidance/certificate.html>

In congruence with programs accredited with the Canadian Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association, students will need to participate in face-to-face courses in the Guidance and Counselling Master of Education program at Brandon University to acquire clinical counselling skills. Therefore, our program requires periodic travel to Brandon to participate in face-to-face instruction. Care will be taken to provide face-to-face courses outside of your teaching time. As well, we will work hard to accommodate for the time required for travel so that it is not unreasonable to attend these required face-to-face courses.

*Note: The above information is subject to change.*

*Please verify current Master of Education program via our website at:*

<https://www.brandonu.ca/education-graduate-studies/graduate-level-programs/>