

# EDUCATION SPECIALIST IN COMMUNITY CARE & COUNSELING (ED.S.)

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## Purpose

The purpose of the Education Specialist in Community Care and Counseling program is to prepare counselors via the integration of a biblical worldview, relevant research, and focused application to serve as educators, administrators, researchers, supervisors, and consultants who demonstrate the highest level of competence and scholarship. Programmatic emphasis on ethical, evidence-based, and biblically grounded practice offers an innovative approach to understanding today's increasingly complex and diverse society.

## Program Learning Outcomes

A graduate of the Education Specialist in Community Care and Counseling (Ed.S.) program will be able to:

- Synthesize a wide array of theories and relevant research in the helping professions from a biblical worldview.
- Assess and incorporate ethical standards in the helping professions.
- Compare and contrast current research involving individuals with a broad array of presenting problems in the areas of community, pastoral, marriage and family, and trauma counseling.

## Program Specific Admission Procedures

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific admission procedures for the Ed.S. are listed below.

1. Academic Records. Applicants must submit an official transcript indicating successful completion of a master's degree program from an institution accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
2. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above in their Master's degree for entrance to the Ed.S.
3. TOEFL scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test, 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

## Transfer of Credit

All graduate transfer credits are subject to the approval of the Department of Community Care and Counseling Graduate Admissions Committee for the Ed.S. Such courses must carry a grade of at least a B- and be comparable to Liberty University graduate courses. Transfer credit will only be considered from institutions or schools accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. With approval, up to 15 credit hours may be transferred into the Ed.S. program. It is the responsibility of each applicant to supply official transcripts along with a written request to have credit applied to the degree program. Transfer credits must have been completed within the previous ten (10) years.

## Programs of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- Community Care & Counseling (Ed.S.) - Marriage & Family Counseling
- Community Care & Counseling (Ed.S.) - Pastoral Care & Counseling
- Community Care & Counseling (Ed.S.) - Traumatology

## Career Opportunities

- Educators
- Administrators
- Researchers
- Supervisors
- Consultants in the helping professions