

CAGS

 Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in counseling with field experience
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Admissions Requirements for all programs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official transcripts indicating a Bachelor's or Master's degree earned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed application with a \$30 application fee (waived for Messiah College graduates)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Statement of Purpose: Your 300-500 word statement should describe your preparations for graduate work, your reasons for applying for this particular graduate program at Messiah College and how this graduate program will help you meet your professional and educational goals
In addition, for Masters in Counseling (only):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of nine (9) credits of behavior science courses (e.g. psychology, human development & family science, sociology, anthropology, early childhood studies, social work)
In addition, for Masters in Counseling or CAGS in counseling <u>with</u> field experience (only):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two letters of recommendations (addressing your professional experience and/or academic performance, excluding relatives). Applicants can invite references to complete an online recommendation form
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Résumé or Curriculum Vita
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counseling Admissions Program Questions: Describe your strengths and challenges in each of the four areas below. Address how you intend to strengthen areas that may be a challenge for you (150 words or less for each of the four essays). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Interpersonal and Professional Competence: how you relate to peers, faculty, professionals, the public and individuals from diverse backgrounds or histories, as well as how you resolve problems or issues that interfere with professional development or function in a satisfactory manner (e.g. by responding constructively to feedback from supervisors or program faculty; by participating in personal therapy in order to resolve problems or issues). Self-awareness, Self-reflection, Self-evaluation: knowledge of the content and potential impact of your own beliefs and value on peers, faculty, professionals, public and individuals from diverse backgrounds or histories, as well as an openness to the process of supervision (e.g., the ability and willingness to explore issues that either interfere with the appropriate provision of care or impede professional development or functioning). Written and Oral Communication: clearly articulating ideas, thoughts, and concepts at a professional level appropriate to the discipline, as well as knowledge and use of APA style format. Quality of Work: timely completion of all work at a satisfactory level, working collaboratively and cooperatively with others, and actively participating in discussion boards, synchronous experiences, and other class-related activities, as well as obtaining knowledge and understanding of content and applicability and application of skills.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A live interview (in person or through Skype) will be scheduled for applicants whose written application materials meet the criteria established by the Admissions Committee of the Counseling Program. Keep in mind we have more applicants than we have spots in the program, so not all applicants will be invited for an interview
In addition, for CAGS in counseling <u>with</u> field experience (only):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional requirements specified by the counseling program for those who will be completing a field experience
In addition, for <u>both</u> CAGS in counseling <u>with</u> or <u>without</u> field experience:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional requirements specified by the counseling program