Costs Paid by Student
For the Counseling Program at
Messiah University

Personal Counseling................................................................. $140-$350
Digital Video Camera (phone cameras are acceptable if properly secured) ............. $80-$250
Computer/Internet........................................................................... Varies by Location
USB Headset (Recommended)......................................................... $20-$60
Site Supervisor Fees (This is not a common requirement, may be required in Practicum and/or Internship for all tracks).............................. To be determined by site and/or supervisor
Child Abuse Clearance (Required for Field Experience)........................................ Varies by State
Criminal Background Check (Required for Field Experience).......................... Varies by State
FBI Fingerprinting (Required for Field Experience)........................................ Varies by State
Liability Insurance (available with student membership in ACA, ASCA, or AAMFT) (Required for Field Experience) ........................................... $60-$99 per year
Praxis II Examination (for school counseling track only)........................................ $130
National Counselor Examination and National Counselor Certification (NCE or NCMHCE) .......................................................... $335
National Counselor Examination (NCE or NCHMCE)........................................ Varies by state
Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) ................................. 150*
Professional Conference ........................................................................ Varies
TB Testing (for school counseling track only) ........................................ Consult your physician
Supervision Assist Software Subscription ......................................................... $249
Initial License or Credential (due upon graduation or up to 6 years after graduation depending on credential and state) ................................................................. Varies
Travel to In-Person Intensives (does not apply to all students) ......................... Varies by Location
Travel to field experience sites........................................................................ Varies by Location

*The CPCE is the only exam required by the program for Master’s students, though the requirement may be waived if student is taking an alternate exam like the NCE or Praxis II. Most State licenses and certifications require one of these exams.

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