

SCHOOL COUNSELING: CAGS

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY



Preparing culturally responsive counselors serving youth in the schools from a strengths-based perspective to facilitate students' academic, social, emotional, and behavioral success.



One of only three schools in Massachusetts to be "Approved with Distinction" by DESE.

Program Overview

Assumption University's School Counseling program offers students with earned master's degrees the opportunity to pursue a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) which enhances a professional's knowledge and skill set leading to increased professional competence. A CAGS may also be pursued to complement current knowledge and skills, allowing professionals to be more effective in their roles. The School Counseling CAGS program typically consists of a minimum of seven courses and are based on an individual's professional goals.

The graduate program in School Counseling at Assumption includes the following features:

- Remote learning format
- A strengths-based curriculum
- A collaborative learning environment
- Small class sizes that encourage greater interaction with faculty and other graduate students
- Rigorous, current curriculum that addresses national and state models/standards
- Competitive tuition rates

SCHOOL COUNSELING CAGS OPTIONS

Licensure for School Counselors (all levels)

For professionals with an earned master's degree in counseling, social work, or a closely related field – a focused school counseling CAGS program that culminates in eligibility for endorsement for the initial license in school counseling (all levels) in Massachusetts.

Licensure for School Adjustment/School Social Work (all levels)

For professionals with an earned master's degree in school counseling, social work, or closely related field – a focused School Counseling CAGS program that culminates in eligibility for endorsement for the initial license in School Adjustment Counseling/School Social Work (all levels) in Massachusetts.

School adjustment counseling/school social work is a specialized area of practice. School Adjustment Counselors/School Social Workers assist students with mental health issues, behavioral issues, positive behavioral supports, academic and classroom support. School Adjustment Counselors/School Social Workers collaborate and consult with teachers, parents, juvenile court system, child protective services and other community agencies. School Adjustment Counselors/School Social Workers also provide individual and group counseling. Individuals licensed as School Adjustment Counselors/School Social Workers significantly increase their opportunities for employment and advancement.

Non-licensure custom CAGS

For professionals with an earned master's degree in any field – a customized (minimum) seven course School Counseling CAGS program tailored to the students' professional interests.

Non-licensure CAGS – Resiliency

For professionals with an earned master's degree in any field – a six course Resiliency in the Helping Professions CAGS is offered. Cultivate practices that promote post traumatic growth personally or professionally. (Certificate of Graduate Study also available for those who do not hold a Master's degree.)

The School of Graduate Studies also offers other CAG programs to benefit school counselors such as Transition Specialist CAGS (with Endorsement), Special Ops: Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF), and Rehabilitation Counseling CAGS. Students may choose to pursue one of these options or choose courses from these programs to customize a CAGS.

IMPORTANT: Students who are interested in the School Counseling CAGS programs are encouraged to contact the School Counseling Program Director to discuss professional goals.



For more information about our **School Counseling Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) Program**, contact Susan Scully, PhD
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