



## Department of Counseling, Adult and Higher Education School Counselor Institute

Fast-track to a career as a School Counselor for Clinically trained Professionals with a Master's degree in Counseling or a related clinical area. Earn a Type #73 School Counselor Certificate.

If you are a professional counselor or therapist with a clinical master's degree, and wish to become certified as a Professional School Counselor, the **School Counselor Institute** at NIU can provide you with a fast track, intensive opportunity to achieve that goal.

Learn more here:

<http://www.cedu.niu.edu/cahe/counseling/sci/index.shtml>

Consisting of readings, discussions, lectures, guest speakers, field experiences, interviews, projects, reports, and experiential activities, the institute is packaged into five weekends in the Spring (one each month) and two-full-weeks in the Summer (July).

The Institute meets IL Type #73 certificate requirements that enables the student to become a school counselor:

### School Counseling Preparation

- Counseling children
- Postsecondary, college, and career counseling
- Consultation and developmental school counseling programs
- School counseling issues, programs, and practices

### Teaching Preparation

- Classroom management
- Curriculum and climate in school settings
- Adolescent/child development.

: Students must complete a 3-hour course in the Exceptional Child before applying for certification. Master's coursework must also meet CACREP standards.

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**APPLICATION Deadline for 2012 is November 16, 2011.**



"The School Counselor Institute's curriculum was continually engaging and thought-provoking. The class size was big enough for diverse debate and conversation, yet small enough to form a significant and important community. I have, and will continue to confidently, refer clinical professionals to the field of school counseling through the NIU School Counselor Institute. I am certain that the graduates from this program enhance the programs, schools, and communities that they settle in."

-Trevor Simpson  
*SCI 2009*

"SCI's professors are trailblazers in redefining the role of school counselors so that we can best serve "all" students. Professors were flexible and understanding to my needs as I juggled multiple responsibilities at home and work. I have learned to work smarter, not harder, in my role as a school counselor. Best of all, the program drew in amazing people from all walks of life into a place of knowledge exchange, professional growth, and personal connections."

-Sasa Mo  
*SCI 2009*