

School Counseling Waitlist Information

Why do you have a waitlist?

Enrollment space in our program is limited. We regularly receive more applications from qualified applicants than there are spaces available in the school counseling program.

How will I know if I'm on the waitlist?

Decisions regarding admission are made after review of applications and group interviews of applicants following the application deadline of March 1st each year. Some applicants may be placed on a wait list if they did not initially receive admission to one of the school counseling openings. If put on a wait list, applicants will be notified soon after admission decisions are made. Typically this notice would be sent within approximately 5 weeks of the admission deadline. If you were not admitted, but were put on the wait list, you will be notified in our communication to you about your admission status a few weeks following interviews. In this notification we also indicate where on the wait list you are so you can determine how many spots might need to open for you to get an offer for a spot in our program.

How likely is it that I'll receive an admissions offer?

At the present time, approximately 50-75% of applicants will receive an offer of admissions as we typically admit 20 applicants per year and often have 30-40 applicants per year.

Is there anything I can do to enhance my chances?

Applicants can enhance their chance for an admission offer by having all application materials in by the deadline and then demonstrating clear and compelling responses to the interview questions in the group interviews. When considering applicants, we pay careful attention to previous work experience, academic background, scholarship, emotional maturity, interpersonal skills and commitment to the counseling profession as demonstrated through your application materials and interview responses. Previous experience working with children and adolescents and previous school experience is heavily weighted in the admission process as well. You are also advised to visit with several school counselors prior to admission to verify that this profession is a good fit for you and to be able to show a genuine interest in the field.

When is the latest I would receive an admissions offer?

School Counseling program spaces are usually filled by March 31. If you are not admitted following this round of interviews and application review, you may be put on the wait list. Whether we are able to offer a space to a student on the wait list depends on the decisions of those first offered a space in the program. In some years, several students have turned down the offer to join our program as they

pursued other opportunities, thus enabling us to offer an open spot to the next best applicant. Other years, all students who were initially offered a spot decide to join us and thus we are unable to then admit any applicants from the wait list. If the occasion arises in which we do not have enough applicants to fill spaces after the March 1st deadline, we then conduct a second round of interviews in the summer. Should you have any questions about this, feel free to contact Dr. Bill Lepkowski, school counseling program coordinator at 320-308-5280 or by emailing to wjlepkowski@stcloudstate.edu

What if my contact information changes (address, email, phone number)? Whom should I tell?

You can update your contact information by emailing Linda Krueger, School of Graduate Studies Admissions Specialist at lekrueger@stcloudstate.edu and by emailing the Counseling and Community Psychology department at SLRadzak@stcloudstate.edu .

What about financial aid? Can I start submitting paperwork in case I'm admitted?

Visit the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid webpage at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/financialaid/default.asp> for information about financial aid.

How long will my application stay active? Do I need to reapply each year?

You need to reapply each year for which you'd like to be considered for admission to the program. Contact Linda Krueger, School of Graduate Studies Admissions Specialist, at lekrueger@stcloudstate.edu to reactivate your application and to find out what materials, if any, you need to resubmit. You may wish to update admissions materials (e.g., your resume, essay, or recommendation letters) if changes have occurred since you last submitted these materials.