Description: This is a program designed for those students interested in applying for Post-Masters Degree credits; options include school certification, additional credit hours toward counselor licensure, or an additional major in counseling.

Application Process:

1) Submit to the Program Director, Dr. Jered Kolbert (kolbertj@duq.edu) a) letter of request, which includes your contact information, your reason for seeking entrance to the postmasters program, and b) unofficial copies of all graduate transcripts. You can e-mail these documents to the Program Director, or mail them to: Program Director, Duquesne University, 600 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15282.

2) The Program Director will contact you regarding your request, and if you are still interested, the Program Director will arrange an admissions interview.

3) If you are selected following the admissions interview, and you are still interested in applying, you will need to complete an on-line application to the School of Education at: https://banner.ss.cr.duq.edu/banPROD/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon?wapp=ED. Please be sure to select “Post Master’s Certificate” and have official copies of your transcripts sent to the School of Education Graduate Office.

Applying for Licensure as a Professional Counselor (LPC): Be advised that completion of post-masters credit for licensure does not guarantee licensure eligibility. You must contact the state licensing board for all eligibility requirements. The contact information follows:

- Board Telephone: (717) 783-1389
- E-mail: socialwo@pados.dos.state.pa.us
- Web page: www.dos.state.pa.us

School Counseling Endorsement: This option enables you to obtain the Program’s endorsement as an elementary school counselor (K-6), secondary school counselor (7-12), or both certifications. As required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), each certification (elementary & secondary) requires a 300 clock hour internship in a school setting, thus endorsement for certification for both levels would involve 600 clock hours of internship. Applicants must also pass the Praxis II-Professional School Counselor (0421), unless they are Licensed as Professional Counselors (LPC).

Certificate: A certificate of advanced graduate study (C.A.G.S.) is awarded to any post-master’s program candidate who completes the equivalent of the curriculum for any of the three master’s degree academic tracks (60 credits), and an additional 18 credits. The specific required courses to be taken are determined by the Program Director or a faculty member designated by the Director.