

CERTIFICATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

These are programs of study that do not lead to a degree or to an ECU awarded recognition but instead prepare the student, upon recommendation from ECU, for more advanced professional certification or ranking by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB).

Standard Guidance Certification Program

This program allows those holding the state's Provisional Certificate in School Counseling to convert their initial/provisional certification into Standard Guidance Certification. Per EPSB requirements, individuals must complete six (6) graduate hours beyond their School Counseling master's degree regardless of the institution from which they obtained it and the number of credits/hours completed within their degree. Only those who hold a master's degree in school counseling are eligible for this program; those holding degrees in education or related fields are ineligible. Individuals holding a master's degree in education or a related field must first complete a School Counseling degree program before applying to this program.

This can also serve as a pathway for individuals needing to reinstate a lapsed certification with EPSB approval.

Rank I in School Counseling Program

This program allows individuals with a master's degree in school counseling of less than 60 credits to obtain the necessary credits beyond their degree to earn Rank I in the state's educator rank system. Per EPSB requirements, individuals must complete enough credits in this program to reach a total minimum of 60 [school] counseling, graduate credits. Only those who hold a master's degree in school counseling are eligible for this program; those holding degrees in education or related fields are ineligible. Individuals holding a master's degree in education or a related field must first complete a School Counseling degree program before applying to this program.

This may also serve as a pathway for individuals needing to reinstate a lapsed certification with EPSB approval.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Standard Guidance Certification Requirements Electives		
	Choose from six hours of electives to be selected with advisor approval	6
Rank I Certification Requirements Electives		
	Rank I in School Counseling must at least 60 graduate hours in a planned program to be selected with advisor approval	12