School Counselor Institute

Since 2005, the School Counselor Institute (SCI) has offered the prerequisite courses and testing required for Professional Educator Licenses with endorsement in School Counseling from the Illinois State Board of Education. People who have earned master's degrees in counseling or a related field can complete the program in an expedited time frame.

Institute students must complete a course on addressing special populations of Illinois students as well as the laws and programs that meet the needs of those exceptional children. Such a course can be taken at NIU or through any approved college or university that offers an endorsed equivalent course.

School Counseling Preparation

- Post-secondary College and Career Counseling for School Counselors
- Counseling with Children
- Consultation and Management of Developmental School Counseling Programs
- School Counseling: Programs, Issues and Practices

Teaching Preparation

- Classroom Management
- Curriculum and Climate in School Settings
- Adolescent/child Development
- Social/Emotional Literacy
- English Language Learners
- Reading

School Counseling Content Test

Students must successfully complete the School Counseling Content Test (Test 181) at least one semester before the internship. We suggest taking the content test as early as possible. Failure to pass this test could require postponement of the internship.

Internship

We define an internship as a supervised learning experience designed to provide students with opportunities to implement, in an actual work setting, the knowledge and theory acquired in their coursework. It is the responsibility of the student, in consultation with the SCI coordinator, to pursue intensive school counseling internship site placements able to provide the diverse and comprehensive experience needed for a successful internship.

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Application Process

This process is detailed on the SCI Website, go.niu.edu/SCI, and includes the following elements:

- Application form
- Written essay
- Résumé
- Two letters of reference
- Official transcripts
- Registration receipt for Test of Academic Proficiency or ACT+Writing
- Participate in the mandatory Pre-Admissions Workshop

Important Dates

Application Deadline: November 8, 2017
Pre-Admission Workshop: December 1, 2017
SCI Kickoff Weekend: January 19-20, 2018
Monthly Institute Weekend: February 9-10, 2018
Monthly Institute Weekend: March 2-3, 2018
Monthly Institute Weekend: April 6-7, 2018
Monthly Institute Weekend: June 22-23, 2018
Summer Institute on Campus: July 9-12, 2018
Summer Institute on Campus: July 16-19, 2018

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