

Minnesota State University – Mankato Professional School Counseling Student Support Services Pipeline Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



What are the basics of this grant? The total award received by the Professional School Counseling program at Minnesota State University – Mankato from the Minnesota Department of Education is \$295,000. The term of the grant is April 2024 to June 2025.

Am I eligible for this grant? The intent of the grant is to increase the number of individuals entering the field of professional school counseling while prioritizing People of Color and Indigenous candidates. All students admitted into the Professional School Counseling program are welcome to apply.

What expenses are covered? This grant will support up to the full cost of graduate school attendance at MSU-Mankato (tuition, room, board, fees, and materials), along with stipends for fieldwork, conference attendance and professional development, and licensure fees.

How do I apply to the program? To be considered one must apply and be accepted to the Professional School Counseling Program at Minnesota State University – Mankato no later than August 1, 2024, complete a scholarship application, and be designated a recipient by the scholarship committee.

How do I apply for the scholarship? You must be admitted to the program, once admitted you will apply separately for scholarship funding.

What is the application deadline? Please apply to the program no later than August 1, 2024 – funding is prioritized based on eligibility and acceptance date.

How are funds awarded? Financial Aid Awards will be distributed during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years. Funds are awarded directly to the students online account as last dollar coverage for academic expenses. Field placement stipends will be awarded as Graduate Assistantships. Professional development, conference travel, and licensure fees will be paid in accordance with university policy.

What is the selection process? This is a competitive process, scholarship applications will be reviewed by a committee and awarded based on responses to the essay questions.

What is the structure of the program? Students can complete the Professional School Counseling program in two-years if attending full-time. Furthermore, course sections are offered on evenings and weekends to accommodate those currently working along with day-time sections for full-time students. Program delivery is hybrid, a mix of online learning and in-person instruction.

Am I required to complete an internship? Students training to become professional school counselors are required to complete two semesters of fieldwork training in K-12 schools, totaling at minimum 700 hours. At MSU-Mankato School Counseling faculty facilitate placements in districts across the state.

Will I be eligible for a school counseling license? Yes, student who complete the academic and fieldwork requirements for the program are eligible for Tier 3 licensure in the state of Minnesota through the Professional

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Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). Students are eligible for licensure in other states, based on state specific licensing standards.

What supports or resources are available to help me through the program? To ensure student success the Professional School Counseling program will provide personalized, frequent advising, guaranteed course placement, and mentoring by counselors in the field.

Learn More at our Upcoming Virtual Open House

Wednesday, May 15 6pm

<https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/95745419813>
Meeting ID: 957 4541 9813
Passcode: 320742

Thursday, May 30 6pm

<https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/99283443230>
Meeting ID: 992 8344 3230
Passcode: 712122

For more information or to apply see the links below or reach out directly to Dr. Tracy Peed with questions (tracy.peed@mnsu.edu).

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