

Community counselors are often called mental health counselors and work with individuals who are having adjustment difficulties. Clients of mental health counselors may present with marital problems, difficulties with stress, job and career concerns, and other problems of mental and emotional health. Assistance with alcohol and drug abuse is sometimes requested. Mental health counselors frequently work in public mental health centers, substance abuse clinics, and geriatric settings. Students completing a degree in community counseling may also choose to pursue licensure (in Alabama or other states) and/or work in private practice settings. The Community Counseling requires 48 semester hours of courses. There is a core of basic courses which are required for all students. These include course work in:

- Testing and Measurement Educational Research and Evaluation Principles and Theories of Counseling Analysis of Counseling Process
- Practicum and Internship

The Practicum and Internship are at the end of one's formal training and expose the student to work with real clients in a supervised environment. In addition to core courses, students are generally exposed to courses in:

- Group Counseling Educational and Occupational Information Career Counseling
- Other Courses in Individual and Group Counseling
- There is also an educational specialist degree program which includes advanced course work and is culminated by the production of a written field of study.

Click on the link below to view the course of study.

<http://www.southalabama.edu/coe/forms/cedcom.pdf>

Useful Links:

[American Counseling Association](#)
[American Mental Health Counselors Association](#)
[American Rehabilitation Counseling Association](#)
[American School Counselor Association](#)
[Alabama Board of Examiner in Counseling](#)
[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)