
Master of Arts in Counseling with the Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Counseling (PPSC)

The prospective graduate student in Umass Global must demonstrate his or her readiness to succeed in graduate-level academic coursework by satisfactorily fulfilling one of the following admission options. All graduate admissions options listed below require an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

The GPA is calculated over the most recent 30 graded semester (45 quarter) credits completed in either a baccalaureate or post baccalaureate program, including credits earned toward a credential. All credits used for GPA calculation must be from a regionally accredited institution. For graduates of regionally accredited institutions that do not conduct a GPA calculation, an official letter from the University determining grade equivalency will be accepted.

- Option One:** GPA 3.0 or above
- Option Two:** GPA between 2.5 and 2.99, submit passing scores from one of the following standard admission tests:
 - Graduate Record Examination (GRE): any two of the three GRE scores
 - The minimum acceptable score for the Quantitative section is 141
 - The minimum acceptable score for the Verbal section is 150
 - The minimum acceptable score for the Analytic Writing is 4.5
 - Miller Analogies Test (MAT): achieve a minimum scaled score of 403
- Option Three:** An earned master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution
- Option Four:** GPA below 3.0 submission of a **Portfolio of Evidence** that shows adequate preparation for graduate studies. The portfolio must contain *ALL* of the following, in an electronic (PDF) formatted file submitted to your Enrollment Coach.
 - ✓ Writing samples that show graduate-level communication and analytical skills (at least two). For example, a graded paper from a prior course, a publication, or other peer reviewed writing sample.
 - ✓ A detailed resume showing professional development and achievements, awards, and/or professional recognition.
 - ✓ Letters of reference, at least two, beyond what was submitted for admission, from persons who can attest to the applicant's ability to do graduate-level work. For example, recommendation(s) from a faculty person (not a neighbor or friend). A letter from a work supervisor is acceptable, but it should not be the only letter submitted.
 - ✓ A letter of explanation detailing the reasons the applicant believes he/she is a good candidate for graduate study in the discipline requested. For example, why the GPA was below the expected standard.