Professional Development and Certification Options

The faculty strongly encourage students to become members of and actively participate in professional associations. Making contributions to professional associations is considered to be a key element in the ongoing professional development of counselors. Students specializing in career counseling are especially encouraged to join the National Career Development Association, www.ncda.org, the American Counseling Association, www.counseling.org, and other state and national organizations, as appropriate.

The Career Counseling Specialization is designed to fulfill the preparation component of the National Board for Certified Counselors requirements for designation as a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and for Master Career Counselor certification by the National Career Development Association (ncda.org). Students seeking NCC status must also achieve a passing score on the National Counselor Examination. For more information, contact the National Board for Certified Counselors, 3-D Terrace Way, Greensboro, NC 27403, http://www.nbcc.org/.

**Curriculum and Sequencing of Courses:**

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