

Counseling Program Mission Statement

The mission of the WWU Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling Programs is to prepare knowledgeable, skilled, collaborative and ethical counselors who value diversity, equity and social justice and meet the relevant licensing and credentialing standards for practice in mental health and educational settings in the State of Washington.

We believe this is best accomplished in a small rigorous program in which students have substantive opportunities to acquire evidence-based knowledge and develop their professional and interpersonal skills under the supervision of faculty who are committed to training exceptional counselors.

Counseling Program Objectives

As a faculty, we strive to prepare counselors who:

- Demonstrate the knowledge and skills outlined in the CACREP Basic and Specialty Standards.
- Think critically about professional issues and engage in ethical, reflective decision-making.
- Advocate for equity and social justice and demonstrate self-awareness in developing multicultural competence.
- Utilize current research and evidence to implement and evaluate effective counseling services and programs.
- Engage in respectful, collaborative relationships with clients, colleagues and community partners.

