COUNSELOR EDUCATION

Dual-Titles
Dual-Title M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Counselor Education and
Comparative and International Education
Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed
in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (https://
gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/
gcac-208-dual-titles/).

Admissions Requirements
Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in
Counselor Education and The Graduate School before they can apply
for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to
their primary program, students must apply for admission to and meet
the admissions requirements of the Comparative and International
Education dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements
section of the Comparative and International Education Bulletin page
(http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/comparative-
international-education/). Doctoral students must be admitted into the
dual-title degree program in Comparative and International Education
prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate
program.

Degree Requirements
To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the
degree requirements for the degree they are enrolled in Counselor
Education, listed on the Degree Requirements tab. In addition, students
must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title in Comparative
and International Education, listed on the Comparative and International
Education Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/
majors/comparative-international-education/).

The qualifying examination committee for the dual-title Ph.D. degree will
be composed of Graduate Faculty from Counselor Education and must
include at least one Graduate Faculty member from the Comparative
and International Education program. Faculty members who hold
appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a
combined role. There will be a single qualifying examination, containing
elements of both Counselor Education and Comparative and International
Education. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional
semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the
qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal
period allowable.

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D.
committees (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/
gcac/gcac-600/phd-dissertation-committee-formation/), the Ph.D.
committee of a Counselor Education and Comparative and International
Education dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of
the Comparative and International Education Graduate Faculty. Faculty
members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty
may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not
also a member of the Graduate Faculty in Comparative and International
Education, the member of the committee representing Comparative and
International Education must be appointed as co-chair. The Comparative
and International Education representative on the student’s Ph.D.
committee will develop questions for and participate in the evaluation of
the comprehensive examination.