

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELING AND LIFE TRANSITIONS

The graduate certificate in Counseling & Life Transitions equips students with a range of skills that can be used to assist the community in coping with the different transitions that may occur in their lives. Students may choose to focus in one of three concentrations: Career & Workforce Development, Grief, Loss & Life Transition, and Counseling Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Persons.

**Career & Workforce Development:** This certificate prepares career practitioners to assist students, workers, employers, and retirees navigate the challenges that are inherent in a global workplace.

**Grief, Loss & Life Transition:** This certificate prepares counselors with the knowledge to effectively and compassionately counsel the chronically ill, dying, their caregivers, bereaved loved ones, or to work with others facing difficult life transitions such as unemployment. This specialized program is ideal for counselors, social workers, clergy, and other professionals who work with those facing loss and life transitions.

**Counseling Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Persons:** This certificate expands the skills of counselors, teachers, and other professionals' to better understand cultural and linguistic diversity within the workplace, school, and community settings, and, in the process, enhance their understanding of their own psycho-social identity.

Visit the program website (<http://gsehd.gwu.edu/programs/graduate-certificate-counseling-and-life-transitions/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

Program Entry: Spring, Summer, Fall

Prerequisite: Bachelors Degree

Campus: Main Campus

Application - Online Application

Requirements:

-Resume

-Statement of Purpose

-2 Letters of Recommendation

-Transcripts

-Application Fee

For more information on any of these requirements, please visit our Admissions FAQ page.

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 3 credits in a required course and 9 credits in elective courses.

| Code  | Title  | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| <b>Required</b>   |  |         |
| HDEV 6108   | Life Span Human Development                                |         |
| <b>Electives</b>  |  |         |
| Three elective courses selected in consultation with the advisor to be taken in one of the following specializations: |  |         |
| Grief, loss, and life transitions   |  |         |
| CNSL 6100   | Special Workshop (Grief, Loss, and Life Transitions Focus) |         |
| CNSL 6170   | Grief and Loss   |         |
| CNSL 6175   | Living and Dying: A Counseling Perspective                 |         |
| CNSL 6177   | Spirituality and Loss                                      |         |
| CNSL 6179   | Children and Loss  |         |
| Career and workforce development  |  |         |
| CNSL 6155   | Career Counseling  |         |
| CNSL 6190   | Advanced Career Counseling                                 |         |
| CNSL 6188   | Systems in Career Counseling Development                   |         |
| CNSL 6189   | Career Development and the Contemporary Workforce          |         |
| CNSL 8253   | Work, Identity, and Adult Development                      |         |
| or HDEV 8253  | Work, Identity, and Adult Development                      |         |
| CNSL 6100   | Special Workshop (Career Counseling Focus)                 |         |
| Human development   |  |         |
| CNSL 6161   | Group Counseling   |         |
| CNSL 8253   | Work, Identity, and Adult Development                      |         |
| CNSL 6154   | Theories and Techniques of Counseling                      |         |
| CNSL 6155   | Career Counseling  |         |
| CNSL 6170   | Grief and Loss   |         |
| CNSL 6179   | Children and Loss  |         |
| HDEV 6109   | Child Development  |         |
| HDEV 6110   | Adolescent Development                                     |         |
| HDEV 6701   | Adult Learning   |         |