

Georgia State University University Library Collection Development Policy Department of Counseling and Psychological Services



<u>Purpose:</u> To support instruction and research to the Ph.D. level in the areas of School Psychology and Counseling Psychology. Advanced degree programs offered by the Department include two Masters of Education degrees in the areas of School Counseling, and School Psychology; and two Masters of Science degrees in the areas of Professional Counseling, and Rehabilitative Counseling. Education Specialist degrees (Ed.S.) include the above four areas. The program supports the preparation of students for work in a variety of settings, including elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities; vocational-technical schools; government departments; community agencies; correctional facilities and mental health centers. The library collection will overlap with those of Psychology, Educational Psychology, and Mental Health.

General Collection Guidelines:

- a. <u>Languages</u>: English is the primary language of the collection.
- b. Chronological Guidelines: Emphasis is on current materials in various formats.
- c. <u>Geographical Guidelines</u>: The major focus is on materials relating to the United States and Europe. However, major works on counseling from non-western cultural perspectives are also collected.
- d. <u>Treatment of Subject</u>: The history of counseling will be collected broadly. Materials on research techniques, Psychometrics, cross-cultural and multi-cultural counseling, and statistics will be added. Handbooks and manuals pertaining to diagnostic tests are collected. Medical treatments of the physiological aspects are also collected, while textbooks, popular self-help books, and biographies of psychologists are selectively acquired.
- e. <u>Types of Materials</u>: Monographs, periodicals, on-line indexes and bibliographic and full-text databases form the basis of the collection. Reference materials, such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, directories, indexes, and abstracts are selected.

Observations and Qualifications by Subject Subdivision:	Collecting Level
School Psychology	4
Counseling Psychology	4
Marriage and Family Therapy	4
Self-Help	3A
Counseling/Counseling Education	4
Rehabilitation counseling	3C