



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

Purpose of the Collection: To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services in the College of Education and Human Development. A Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Human Learning and Development is offered at the undergraduate level with coursework in behavior and learning disabilities, child growth and development, deaf studies, educational psychology, family and community literacy, learning technology, health and wellness, and sport coaching and human performance. Advanced degree programs offered include two Master of Education degrees in the areas of school counseling, and school psychology; and three Master of Science degrees in the areas of clinical mental health counseling, educational research and mental health counseling, and clinical rehabilitation counseling. Ph.D. students may concentrate in the areas of counselor education and practice, counseling psychology, and school psychology. 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.

General Collection Guidelines:

- a. **Languages:** English is the primary language of the collection.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** Current scholarship is the primary focus.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** 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. **Date of Publication:** Current publications are of primary importance. Retrospective classic or standard works not already in the collection are selectively collected.
- e. **Types of Materials:** Monographs, and periodicals form the basis of the collection. Reference materials, such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, directories, indexes, and abstracts are selected.
- f. **Treatment of the Subject:** The history of counseling is collected broadly. Materials on research techniques, psychometrics, cross-cultural and multi-cultural counseling, and

statistics are also added. Handbooks and manuals pertaining to diagnostic tests are collected. Medical treatments of the physiological aspects are collected, while textbooks, popular self-help books, and biographies of psychologists are selectively acquired.

Related Collection Development Policies:

- Early Childhood and Elementary Education
- Educational Psychology
- Middle and Secondary Education
- Psychology

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