

Reflect on how your philosophy of education or worldview of education has developed throughout your preparation program.

My philosophy of education has developed throughout my time in the school counseling program at Liberty University. I used to think that going to school was mainly for students to learn more about subjects like math, reading and science. However, after learning about all the different counseling approaches and techniques and doing practicum work in a school it has shifted my philosophy of education. I now realize that students also need to learn about different career, academic, and social emotional topics while they are at school. These different topics that are introduced to them by the school counselor through classroom guidance lessons or small group counseling are in many ways just as important as all the other information students learn in school.

I did not realize how important a role that the school counselor has in the school setting. The school counselor has a big responsibility to help students with their career, academic, and social emotional needs. The school counselor works in collaboration with school stakeholders such as teachers, administration, parents, and community members. The school counselor advocates for students and for themselves.

I also know now that it is important for school counselors to be culturally sensitive so that they can help all students. A counselor needs to be aware of the biases that they have so that they can be careful to not let those get in the way of helping students with different cultural backgrounds. The program at Liberty has helped me to evolve my philosophy and approach to education as a future school counselor.