

Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

The MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is designed to prepare students for careers as mental health counselors in the community; public and private human service agencies; inpatient, partial, outpatient, and other treatment settings; business and independent practices; as well as settings that provide human service consulting. Upon completion of the degree, students are eligible to apply as a Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, leading to state licensure as an LMHC.

A minimum of 60 credits of coursework is required, 51 credits are considered core courses, and 9 credits are earned in practicum and internship. Students must pass the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination and present an academic portfolio of their learning experiences to complete their degree.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
COUN 501	Evaluation and Assessment	3
COUN 502	Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues	3
COUN 503	Human Relations Methods and Skills	3
COUN 504	Group Counseling	3
COUN 505	Theories of Counseling	3
COUN 506	Human Development	3
COUN 507	Career Counseling	3
COUN 508	Family Systems	3
COUN 509	Individual, Marital, and Family Psychopathology and Psychotherapy	3
COUN 513	Multicultural Counseling and Psychosocial Therapy	3
COUN 514	Sexuality Counseling	3
COUN 515	Statistical Analysis and Research Design	3
COUN 516	Addictions Counseling	3
COUN 521	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
COUN 525	Advanced Individual, Couple, and Family Therapy, Techniques and Treatment Planning	3
COUN 526	Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
COUN 527	Counseling in a Community Setting	3
Practicum and Internship		
COUN 517	Practicum in Counselor Education	3
COUN 518	Internship I in Counseling	3
COUN 519	Internship II in Counseling	3
Total Credits		60

1. Describe professional counseling orientation and the application of ethical practice in counseling
2. Demonstrate knowledge of social and cultural diversity in counseling practice
3. Distinguish characteristics of human growth and development across the lifespan
4. Identify career development theories and models
5. Apply counseling and helping relationship theories and techniques in the counseling process
6. Demonstrate knowledge of group counseling and group work in counseling
7. Discuss the application of assessment and testing in counseling
8. Demonstrate knowledge of research and program evaluation in counseling
9. Demonstrate assessment, evaluation, and counseling skills in clinical mental health counseling practice

Learning Outcomes

Student learning outcomes align with the eight core areas of curricular experience identified by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP):