

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, M.A.

Credits: 60
CIP Code: 511504

Overview

The Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling consists of **60 credit-hours** and is designed to prepare candidates for professional counseling positions in a variety of community settings, including mental health agencies, hospitals, juvenile justice agencies, and substance abuse treatment centers facilities. Graduates of the program are prepared to provide individual and group counseling, education and lifestyle development, and career planning, all in diverse settings. The curriculum of this program meets the standards of preparation as set forth by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Additionally, the curriculum program is aligned with the basic requirements for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Georgia (LPC) and qualifies graduates to take the National Board of Certified Counselor's Examination (NCE) to obtain the National Certified Counselor (NCC) credential.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation from the M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, graduates will be able to:

1. Understand the effects of the onset, progression, and expected duration of disability on client's holistic functioning and environmental, attitudinal, and individual barriers for people with disabilities.
2. Explain the impact of disability on sexuality and one's ecological system.
3. Describe the rehabilitation service delivery systems including housing, case management, public benefits programs, educational program, and public and proprietary vocational rehabilitation programs.
4. Identify the clinical rehabilitation counseling services within the continuum of care, transferrable skills, functional assessment and work-related supports for achieving maintaining meaningful employment for people with disabilities.
5. Understand the role of family, social networks, and community in the provision of service of treatment of people with disabilities.
6. Demonstrate assistive technology to reduce or eliminate barriers and functional limitations.
7. Discuss your experience with intake interview, mental status evaluation, biopsychosocial history, mental health history, and psychological assessment for treatment planning and caseload management for people with disabilities.
8. Advocate for people with disabilities and explain third-party reimbursement.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants to the **Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling** must meet the General Admissions Requirements of the University as published in this Catalog. A GPA of 2.6 or higher is required for admission into the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program.

Endorsement

The Department of Counselor Education endorses the licensure requirements of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the General Degree Requirements, as published in this Catalog, and those specified by the School of Education, students pursuing the **Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling** must complete the following course requirements:

Code	Title	Hours
Common Core Courses		
COUN 501	Introduction to Counseling	3
COUN 502	Helping Relationship Skills	3
COUN 503	Human Growth and Development	3
COUN 504	Theories of Counseling	3
COUN 505	Group Counseling	3
COUN 506	Career Counseling	3
COUN 507	Research & Measurement	3
COUN 508	Individual and Group Appraisal	3
COUN 509	Counseling Diverse Populations	3
COUN 510	Professional Ethics and Legal	3
Specialty Courses		
COUN 531	Addictions Counseling	3
COUN 532	Counseling Couples & Families	3
COUN 533	Counseling Childn and Adolesc	3
COUN 534	Clinical Mental Health Counsel	3
COUN 535	Abnormal Psychology and Diagno	3
COUN 536	Trauma & Grief	3
COUN 539	Theories of Personality	3
Clinical Field Courses		
COUN 530	Cliniic Men Health Counsel Pra	3
COUN 542	Clinical Men.Health Intern. I	3
COUN 543	Clinical Men.Health Intern. II	3
Total Hours		60

Qualifying Examinations

These exams must be taken in December preceding the spring semester of the graduation year. The Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) consists of approximately 175 multiple-choice questions, encompassing content from core and specialty courses.

Licensure

All Counselor Education students interested in becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) are required to take and pass either the National Counselor Examination (NCE) or the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) offered by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). An application to the Georgia Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage & Family Therapists is required for students who want to practice in Georgia.

Plan of Study for Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
COUN 501	Introduction to Counseling	3
COUN 502	Helping Relationship Skills	3
COUN 503	Human Growth and Development	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
COUN 504	Theories of Counseling	3
COUN 505	Group Counseling	3
COUN 509	Counseling Diverse Populations	3
Hours		9
Summer Session I		
COUN 510	Professional Ethics and Legal	3
COUN 533	Counseling Childn and Adolesec	3
Hours		6
Second Year		
First Semester		
COUN 507	Research & Measurement	3
COUN 532	Counseling Couples & Families	3
COUN 534	Clinical Mental Health Counsel	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
COUN 508	Individual and Group Appraisal	3
COUN 530	Cliniic Men Health Counsel Pra	3
COUN 535	Abnormal Psychology and Diagno	3
Hours		9
Third Year		
First Semester		
COUN 533	Counseling Childn and Adolesec	3
COUN 539	Theories of Personality	3
COUN 542	Clinical Men.Health Intern. I	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
COUN 531	Addictions Counseling	3
COUN 536	Trauma & Grief	3
COUN 543	Clinical Men.Health Intern. II	3
Hours		9
Total Hours		60

Note: A passing score on a state approved, national counseling exam is required for Counselor licensure. Candidates will be granted permission by the program to register and complete this test once specific program requirements have been met.