

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Master of Arts (MA)

This is a guide based on the 2022-2023 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

60 Hours Required

- CP610 Counseling Orientation and Ethics (3)
- CP611 Developmental Theories (3)
- CP612 Counseling Theories (3)
- CP613 Social & Cultural Aspects of Counseling (3)
- CP614 Counseling Skills (3)
- CP615 Career Development (3)
- CP616 Group Counseling (3)
- CP617 Assessment in Counseling (3)
- CP631 Crisis Intervention and Consultation (3)
- CP640 Foundations of Mental Health Counseling (3)
- CP641 Mental Health Systems and Prevention (3)
- CP643 Psychodiagnostics and Treatment (3)
- CP645 Marriage and Family Counseling (3)
- CP661 Addictions Counseling (3)
- CP680 Counseling Practicum (3)
- CP686 Internship -- Mental Health (3)
- CP687 Internship -- Mental Health (3)
- CP688 Advanced Internship -- Mental Health (3)
- CP691 Research Methods and Program Evaluation in Counseling (3)
- GR698 Master's Final Comprehensive Exam (0)
- Electives (3)

Suggested electives:

- CP664 Religion/Spirituality (3)
- CP652 Intro to Plan Therapy (3)

Prerequisites:

9 credit hours in the social sciences, including: psychology, counseling, sociology or appropriately focused general education courses.

Admission Requirements

The preferred application date to submit all application materials is February 1 of the year in which admission is desired. Admission is considered for fall and summer semesters only. In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

1. An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
2. One letter of recommendation submitted directly to the Office of Admissions prior to admission. The letter should be addressed to the Director of Admissions.
3. Nine total credits in the social sciences, including, psychology, counseling, sociology or appropriately focused university studies courses

International applicants must also have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 OR TOEFL score of 95. *This requirement is for non-United States citizens who are not native English speakers. Students from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are exempt from English proficiency verification.*

Further, candidates must satisfactorily complete CP610 Counseling Orientation and Ethics. Students must submit two additional letters of recommendation directly to their advisor. Students must complete a personal statement essay describing their decision to pursue counseling as a career prior to the scheduled interview with Counseling Program Faculty. Students will have an interview with member(s) of the counseling faculty. Following the interview, faculty will offer provisional admission, probationary admission, or deny admission.

Probationary Admission

Probationary admission will be considered by the program admissions committee if the applicant has a 2.75 to 2.99 undergraduate GPA or if the applicant has achieved a GPA of 3.25 during the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. Students admitted to the counseling program on probation must attain a 3.5 GPA for the first 9 hours of graduate work. Unless authorized by the advisor, probationary students must include the following courses in the first 9 hours of coursework: CP610 Counseling Orientation and Ethics, CP 612 Counseling Theories, and CP691 Research Methods and Program Evaluation in Counseling. A student earning any grade less than a "B" in any of the first nine hours, but still maintaining a 3.0 GPA, will be allowed to repeat the course one time and must earn a grade of "B" or better.

Appeals Process

Applicants who are denied admission can appeal to the Counseling Program Admission Committee.

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