

Counseling MS/MEd

Master of Science in Counseling

The Master of Science in Counseling offers an emphasis in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (60 semester hours) for those students desiring licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), an emphasis in School Counseling (51 semester hours) for those students seeking certification as a professional school counselor only, and an emphasis in School Counseling with LPC (60 semester hours) for those students seeking both certifications as a professional school counselor AND desiring licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). All three programs include a common core, courses specific to the emphasis and field experience courses in which students work directly with client populations under supervision. Additionally, in all three programs, students must enroll in COUN 501 and COUN 510 during their first semester of enrollment. After successfully completing COUN 501 and COUN 510, students then enroll in COUN 516 and COUN 528 in the same (typically, second) semester. Please note that those students desiring to enroll in more than 6 hours per semester may take classes from among those listed as "Open" classes.

Program Requirements - MS

In order to graduate from degree programs of study in School Counseling and/or Clinical Mental Health Counseling, students must pass a comprehensive exit examination. The comprehensive exit examination is the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE), a nationally standardized examination developed and published by the Center for Credentialing in Education. The CPCE is administered on-campus once per semester. Students needing an additional attempt during a semester may be certified to test at specified professional testing centers (See Department web for centers). Details regarding examinations and examination dates are available on the Counseling web site.

Students must complete 3 field experiences, COUN 551: Practicum, COUN 552: Internship.1 and COUN 552: Internship 2. The Practicum consists of a minimum of 100 contact hours, of which 40 must be in providing direct service to clients and client populations. Each Internship experience consists of a minimum of 300 contact hours, of which 120 must be in providing direct service to clients and client populations.

Master of Education in Counseling

The Master of Education (MEd) in Counseling offers an emphasis in College Student Affairs for those students desiring employment in a wide variety of college and university student services settings. The CSA program is a 30-hour program offered entirely online. It targets the bachelor-level student affairs professional desiring a graduate degree to improve service delivery and promotability.

Program Requirements - MEd

College Student Affairs students must pass a locally-developed comprehensive exit examination. All examinations are administered once each fall and spring semester, and once during the summer. Details regarding examinations and examination dates are available in the departmental office. In addition, CSA students complete a field experience, COUN 555: Internship in College Student Affairs, consisting of a minimum of 300 contact hours engaging in CSA professional activities.

Master of Science in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling - Option II Non-Thesis

Master of Science degree in Counseling with School Counseling emphasis require the courses listed below:

All courses carry 3 semester hours credit unless otherwise indicated.

Open Courses - No Prerequisites (12 semesters hours)

COUN 512	Career Development	3
COUN 517	Assessment in Counseling	3
COUN 522	Counseling Diverse Populations	3
COUN 545	Dev Issues/Strategy in Counseling	3

Courses 501 & 510 MUST be completed in 1st semester; Courses 516 & 528 MUST be completed in 2nd semester (12 semester hours)

COUN 501	Introduction to the Counseling Profession *	3
COUN 510	Counseling Theories and Techniques *	3
COUN 516	Basic Counseling Skills *	3
COUN 528	Introduction to Group Dynamics and Procedures *	3

Core Courses (6 semester hours)

COUN 595	Research Literature and Techniques (3 semester hours required)	3
COUN 548	Advanced Counseling Skills *	3

Specialty Courses (12 semester hours)

COUN 514	School Counseling and Development	3
COUN 520	Advanced School Counseling	3

COUN 534	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
COUN 539	Introduction to Play Therapy	3
Clinical Field Experience Courses (9 semester hours)		
COUN 551	Practicum	3
COUN 552	Internship (6 semester hours required)	3
Total Hours		51

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Students pursuing the School Counseling emphasis in MS Counseling must earn a grade of A or B in: COUN 501, 510, 516, 528, & 548.

Master of Science in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling + LPC - Option II Non-Thesis

Master of Science degree in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling + LPC require the courses listed below:

All courses carry 3 semester hours credit unless otherwise indicated.

Open Courses - No Prerequisites (12 semesters hours)		
COUN 512	Career Development	3
COUN 517	Assessment in Counseling	3
COUN 522	Counseling Diverse Populations	3
COUN 545	Dev Issues/Strategy in Counseling	3
Courses 501 & 510 MUST be completed in 1st semester; Courses 516 & 528 MUST be completed in 2nd semester (12 semester hours)		
COUN 501	Introduction to the Counseling Profession *	3
COUN 510	Counseling Theories and Techniques *	3
COUN 516	Basic Counseling Skills *	3
COUN 528	Introduction to Group Dynamics and Procedures *	3
Core Courses (6 semester hours)		
COUN 595	Research Literature and Techniques (3 semester hours required)	3
COUN 548	Advanced Counseling Skills *	3
Specialty Courses (21 semester hours)		
COUN 514	School Counseling and Development	3
COUN 520	Advanced School Counseling	3
COUN 534	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
COUN 539	Introduction to Play Therapy	3
COUN 530	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
COUN 611	Introduction to Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy	3
COUN 540	Diagnosis & Treatment Planning for Clinical Mental Health Counselors	3
Clinical Field Experience Courses (9 semester hours; Written degree plan filed)		
COUN 551	Practicum	3
COUN 552	Internship (6 semester hours required)	3
Total Hours		60

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Students pursuing the School Counseling + LPC emphasis in MS Counseling must earn a grade of A or B in: COUN 501, 510, 516, 528, & 548.

Master of Science in Counseling with an emphasis in Clinical Mental Health Counseling - Option II Non-Thesis

All courses carry 3 semester hours credit unless otherwise indicated

Open Courses - No Prerequisites (15 semester hours including an Elective course from the College of Education & Human Services).		
COUN 512	Career Development	3
COUN 517	Assessment in Counseling	3
COUN 522	Counseling Diverse Populations	3
COUN 545	Dev Issues/Strategy in Counseling	3
Plus an elective from the College of Education & Human Services.		3

(12 semester hours): 501 & 510 MUST be completed in 1st semester; 516 & 528 MUST be completed in 2nd semester

COUN 501	Introduction to the Counseling Profession *	3
COUN 510	Counseling Theories and Techniques *	3
COUN 516	Basic Counseling Skills *	3
COUN 528	Introduction to Group Dynamics and Procedures *	3

Core Courses (6 semester hours)

COUN 595	Research Literature and Techniques (3 semester hours required)	3
COUN 548	Advanced Counseling Skills *	3

Specialty Courses (18 semester hours)

COUN 530	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
COUN 540	Diagnosis & Treatment Planning for Clinical Mental Health Counselors	3
COUN 535	Psychopharmacology in Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
COUN 564	Family Crisis & Resources	3
COUN 581	Assessment and Treatment of Chemical Dependency	3
COUN 611	Introduction to Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy	3
or COUN 513	Communication In Marriage	

Clinical Field Experience Courses (9 semester hours; Written degree plan on file)

COUN 551	Practicum	3
COUN 552	Internship (6 semester hours required)	3

Total Hours **60**

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Students pursuing the MS in Counseling with a Clinical Mental Health Counseling emphasis must earn a grade of A or B in: COUN 501, 510, 516, 528, & 548.

Master of Education in Counseling with an emphasis in College Student Affairs - Option II Non-Thesis

Required courses in the major, minor, or specialization

College Student Affairs Emphasis - MEd (30 semester hours)

COUN 505	Introduction to College Student Affairs *	3
COUN 512	Career Development	3
COUN 522	Counseling Diverse Populations	3
COUN 555	Internship in College Student Affairs	3
COUN 560	Crisis Intervention	3
COUN 581	Assessment and Treatment of Chemical Dependency	3
COUN 590	Legal Issues Stu Affairs	3
COUN 595	Research Literature and Techniques (3 semester hours required)	3
COUN 606	Stu Affairs Services Hi Ed *	3
COUN 607	Contemp College Student	3

Total Hours **30**

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Students pursuing the College Student Affairs emphasis in MED Counseling must earn a grade of A or B in the following two classes: COUN 505, & 606.

Note: Successful completion of the Comprehensive Exam is required of all students.