

Certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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Program Description:

The certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is designed to meet the requirements for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor for those students who have completed an accredited master's degree in other areas of counseling, typically School Counseling, and who seek licensure as a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor. The knowledge, skills, and dispositions that comprise the Certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling prepare individuals to serve populations for whom expertise from mental health preparation would be most appropriate.

Certificate Outcomes

- To enhance skills to further obtaining licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor
- To facilitate the skills necessary to enhance professional expertise
- Serve as a gateway to licensure
- Extend student's pursuit of life-long learning

Application Process ([Click Here](#) to Apply)

Admission Requirements: A complete application for admission (electronic or printable)

- Complete online application.
- Hold accredited master's degree in a counseling related field.
- Official transcripts from all schools attended and/or agency evaluation of foreign degree.
- A grade point average (GPA) in a master's degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or better.

Certificate Requirements

1. The requirements of this certificate program includes the courses that fulfill the expectations for Clinical Mental Health Counselors beyond those required for completion of coursework in the master's in Guidance and/or School Counseling degree.
2. To qualify for the licensed professional certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling the student must complete 12 hours of additional coursework.
3. Earn at least a 3.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) in coursework.

Certificate Awarded

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Curriculum

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Degree Plan

Core Courses (12 hrs):

CM 509 Introduction to Clinical Mental Health	3 hrs.
CM 520 Clinical Mental Health Internship	3 hrs.
CM 530 Psychodiagnostics in Counseling	3 hrs.
CM 532 Marriage and Family Counseling	3 hrs.

Course Descriptions:

CM 509 – INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

(3 Credit Hours)

Historical and theoretical coverage as well as present day practices and trends of mental health counseling will be considered. Particular attention will be given to the role and responsibilities of various roles for counselors in the field.

CM 520B – CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH INTERNSHIP I

(3 Credit Hours)

The course enrolled depends on which semester the student's schedule allows. The student's transcript will be examined to determine that all pre-requisites have been taken. The student will engage I supervised, practical clinical and administrative counseling experiences for one semester in selected and approved clinical mental health agency settings. Professional liability insurance is required prior to admission.

CM 520B – CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH INTERNSHIP II

(3 Credit Hours)

The course enrolled depends on which semester the student's schedule allows. The student's transcript will be examined to determine that all pre-requisites have been taken. The student will engage I supervised, practical clinical and administrative counseling experiences for one semester in selected and approved clinical mental health agency settings. Professional liability insurance is required prior to admission.

CM 530 – PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTICS IN COUNSELING

(3 Credit Hours)

This course introduces students to various facets of diagnosis within assessment process and the structure of the current Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM) and its use in counseling.

CM 532 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING

(3 Credit Hours)

This course provides an overview of the historical roots of family counseling and the major theoretical orientations. A brief overview of the role of research, multiculturalism, and ethics in family counseling is explored.