



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Graduate study in the field of counseling is designed to strengthen the academic and professional competence of the student by developing the capacity for independent study, mastering research skills appropriate to the field of study and building the analytical creative, integrative, and evaluative techniques as applied to a specialized field of study.

Each of the counseling program's four emphases are designed to instruct students in the scientific method, to enhance professional counseling skills, to integrate knowledge of the discipline along with a Christian faith-based perspective and to prepare students for success in the workplace and in ministry settings.

## FOUR DISTINCT EMPHASES

MACU's counseling program has four emphases available. When you begin your degree program, you will choose from one of the following:

- **Clinical Mental Health Counseling**
- **Addiction and Substance Abuse Counseling**
- **Marital, Couples, and Family Counseling/Therapy**
- **Applied Behavioral Science (Non-Licensure)**

## CERTIFICATE ALSO AVAILABLE

The Certificate Program in Addiction and Substance Abuse Counseling is for students who already have a master's degree in a counseling related area who wish to qualify for the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counseling/Mental Health (LADC/MH).

The program provides the necessary coursework to qualify students for the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counseling (LADC) and the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counseling / Mental Health (LADC/MH).



## MACU'S SCHOOL OF COUNSELING

The MACU School of Behavioral Science and Counseling prepares you to turn your desire to help people and make a real difference in the lives of individuals and families into a reality. You will learn leading-edge mental health theories and treatment approaches from real-world counselors and psychology professionals who have made careers out of helping others in their own successful careers. You will learn through both practical theory and hands-on experiences, scholarly research and more.

## PROGRAM COSTS

Courses in MACU's Master of Counseling degree program cost \$675/credit hour.

## ACCREDITATION

MACU is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).



# COUNSELING MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (42 hrs.)

### M.S. Counseling Core Requirements (42 hrs.)

- COUN 5113** Psychopathology
- COUN 5123** Career Counseling and Development
- COUN 5213** Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- COUN 5313** Individual Counsel & Psychotherapy Techniques
- COUN 5513** Marriage and Family Systems and Treatment
- COUN 5713** Human Development
- COUN 5913** Research Methods
- COUN 6133** Multicultural Counseling and Treatment Planning for Individuals and Families
- COUN 6233** Ethics and Professional Studies
- COUN 6433** Assessment of Individuals/Families in Counseling
- COUN 6533** Interventions for Individuals and Families in Crisis and Trauma
- COUN 6833** Group Dynamics and Counseling
- COUN 6973** Practicum
- COUN 6983** Internship

## OPTIONAL EMPHASES

*Students must choose one of the following emphases. The courses listed above will be required in addition to the courses listed under the emphasis chosen.*

*Students must complete 18 semester hours of the Counseling Core requirements with a 3.0 GPA to be eligible for admission to the Licensure track of Clinical Mental Health Counseling Emphasis, the Clinical Mental Health Counseling in Addiction and Substance Abuse Emphasis or the Marital, Couples, and Family Counseling Emphasis.*

*Students will request permission of the Chair for admission to these programs at that time.*

### Clinical Mental Health Counseling Emphasis (18 hrs.)

- COUN 5563** Clinical Psychopharmacology in Counseling
  - COUN 5613** Marital and Family Treatment Techniques
  - COUN 5813** Tests and Measurement
  - COUN 6333** Advanced Counseling and Psychotherapy Techniques
  - COUN 6633** Addiction and Chemical Dependency Counseling
  - COUN 6733** Child/Adolescent Psychopathology and Counseling
- Total Clinical Mental Health Counseling Emphasis Required Hrs. – 60 hrs.**

*Note: The following courses may be required for your state licensure. They are in addition to the courses required above and will add 3-12 hrs. to the required course total.*

### Clinical Mental Health Counseling (cont.)

- COUN 6353** Human Sexuality in Counseling
  - COUN 6363** Community Counseling
  - COUN 6863** Psychopathology Diagnostics and Treatment Design
  - COUN 6993** Advanced Internship
- Total Clinical Mental Health Counseling with Possible Additional State Required Hrs. – 63-72 hrs.**

### Addiction and Substance Abuse Counseling Emphasis (18 hrs.)

- COUN 5233** Alcohol and Drug Addiction
  - COUN 5333** Addiction in the Family & Assess. Theory
  - COUN 5433** Addiction in the Family Counseling
  - COUN 5533** Pharmacology of Drugs of Abuse
  - COUN 5643** Addiction and Substance Abuse Counseling Theory & Techniques
  - COUN 6333** Advanced Counseling and Psychotherapy Techniques
- Total Addiction and Substance Abuse Counseling Emphasis Required Hrs. – 60 hrs.**

### Marital, Couples, and Family Counseling/Therapy Emphasis (18 hrs.)

- COUN 5413** Interpersonal Communication in Counseling and Relationships
  - COUN 5613** Marital and Family Treatment Techniques
  - COUN 6353** Human Sexuality in Counseling
  - COUN 6463** Clinical Issues of Aging, Death and Dying
  - COUN 6633** Addiction and Chemical Dependency Counseling
  - COUN 6733** Child/Adolescent Psychopathology/Counseling
- Total Marital, Couples, and Family Counseling/Therapy Emphasis Required Hrs. – 18 hrs.**

### Applied Behavioral Science Emphasis

This is a non-licensure emphasis in which students complete all M.S. Counseling Core requirements excluding Practicum and Internship courses.

**Total Applied Behavioral Science Emphasis Required Hrs. – 36 hrs.**

## Want to speak to an Enrollment Counselor about earning your degree?

Contact MACU Today!

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## CHRISTIAN

Not just in our name, it's who we are

## AFFORDABLE

With federal financial aid and payment plans, we make it possible

## PRACTICAL

Earn college credit for your work and prior learning experiences. Plus, apply what you learned in class at work the next day

## CONVENIENT

Attend one class every five weeks and choose 100% online or one night on ground a week

## ACCREDITED

Regional accreditation means we are transfer friendly

## PERSONAL

Our staff and faculty know who you are and where you want to go