

Counselor Education Graduate Programs

M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Program Description

The Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling prepares students to work as professional counselors in a variety of behavioral health and social service settings. The program fulfills the degree requirements necessary to become a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), as well as being able to take the National Counselor Examination (NCE). Students completing the 60-credit master's degree program will meet the educational requirements required to become Licensed Professional Counselors in Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania Licensure Act 136 of 1998). Students will need two or more additional years of supervised work experience after graduation to complete the requirements for LPC.

Program Coordinator

Dr. Grafton Eliason

Delivery Mode

Traditional (on-ground, face-to-face delivery with some online/distance elements)

Accreditation

Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

This program fulfills the master's degree requirements for:

- National Certified Counselor (NCC)
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Pennsylvania

Curriculum

Course	Credits
Area I: Core Courses Required for Candidacy	
CED 702 Counseling Theory	3
CED 710 Counseling Skills and Techniques	3
CED 724 Experiential Group Process	3
CED 789 Introduction to Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
Area II: Advanced Counseling Core	
CED 705 Developmental Group Counseling	3
CED 720 Cross-cultural Counseling	3
CED 786 Career Counseling	3
Area III: Psychological Foundations	
CED 717 Diagnosis and Treatment in Mental Health	3
CED 722 Assessment and Procedures for Counselors	3
CED 755 Counseling Across the Life Span: Prevention and Treatment in Schools and the Community	3

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Course	Credits
CED 785 Research Methods in Counseling	3
Area IV: Clinical Core	
CED 708 Substance Abuse and Addiction	3
CED 735 Introduction to Family Therapy	3
CED 791 Crisis Counseling and Disaster Preparedness	3
Electives* (2)	6
Area V: Field Education Core	
CED 711 Clinical Field Experience (Practicum)	3
CED 712 Clinical Field Experience	6
CED 787 Ethics, Integration, Collaboration and Consultation	3
Total	60

* Electives can be chosen from any CED course or certification in conjunction with your adviser.

Practicum/Clinical Field Experience

Practicum and clinical field experience are taken near the end of the student's program. Practicum requires a minimum of 150 hours on-site. The student will be supervised by a professional in their area of interest. The clinical field experience requires a minimum of 600 hours under the supervision of a professional in the student's area of interest. This will be arranged in consultation with the field site coordinator.

Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/graduate/masters/clinical-mental-health-counseling/index.aspx>