

Degree Path: M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Nelson Graduate School

OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling prepares professional counselors whose psychological understanding of human persons and practice of counseling are essentially informed, shaped, and given dimension by a biblical view of humankind.

This degree is designed to meet the academic requirements for the LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor) in the state of Texas and will also prepare the student for pursuit of doctoral level programs in Counseling. This degree will also meet the academic requirements for the LPC in many other states. Students seeking state licensure in other states should check the academic requirements with that state's licensure board to determine alignment with this degree. The degree is designed to be CACREP-equivalent (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs). For questions concerning issues related to state licensure, contact the Program Coordinator as state requirements are subject to change.

ADVISING NOTES

Students entering the program will be enrolled in COU 5153 during their first semester of fall/spring attendance.

There are two on campus residency courses that must be taken in person (COU 5743 and COU 6123). These courses are offered each fall/spring in full semester formats or can be taken during a 1-week summer intensive. Students who cannot take these courses in full semester formats should plan to attend the on-campus summer intensives during their first two summers of the program.

COU 5153, COU 5193, COU 5243, COU 5353, and COU 5743 are all prerequisite courses for practicum/internship component courses and should be taken earlier in the program.

PSY 5713 is a prerequisite for PSY 5733 and these courses are offered each fall and spring respectively. Students should plan to take them during one academic year during the program.

Students should be aware that there is a second step formal admissions process to the program. See the graduate catalog and the Program Student Handbook and Policy Manual for more information.

Practicum/Internship Component courses should be taken at the end of the student's program. COU 6973 is a repeatable course that must be taken a minimum of twice, but can be taken up to four times to allow students flexibility with how many hours per week they will need to be at a site.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

RESEARCH COMPONENT: 6 hours

- PSY 5713 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
- PSY 5733 Psychological Methods and Research Design

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT: 42 hours

- COU 5153 Professional Orientation, Ethical and Legal Issues
- COU 5173 Human Growth and Life Span Development
- COU 5193 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- COU 5243 Methods and Techniques in Counseling
- COU 5273 Marriage and Family Counseling
- COU 5283 Social and Cultural Diversity
- COU 5353 Methods of Group Counseling
- COU 5363 Addictions Counseling
- COU 5433 Tests and Assessment
- COU 5563 Crisis Intervention
- COU 5663 Personal Lifestyle and Career Development
- COU 5743 Clinical Psychopathology
- COU 6123 Advanced Psychopathology and Treatment Planning
- COU 6133 Ethical and Legal Issues in Professional Practice Management

PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP COMPONENT: 12 hours - 700 Clock Hours

- COU 6413 Pre-Practicum
- COU 6963 Practicum in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (100 clock hours)
- COU 6973 Internship in Clinical Mental Health Counseling* (150-300 clock hours)
*This course must be completed at least twice and until 600 total clock hours have been completed.

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60 Hours

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

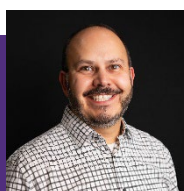
Additional program information can be found on the program webpage. The program webpage has the:

- Program Student Handbook and Policy Manual
- Course Rotations
- State Counseling Licensure Requirements
- New Student Orientation Page
- Resources Page

<https://www.sagu.edu/academics-home/cmhc>

Please reach out to your program coordinator with any additional questions.

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