



Master of Arts in Counseling: Marriage, Couple, and Family Requirements

The Department of Counselor Education offers a 60-semester hour CACREP accredited Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling program. The program consists of core counseling courses, specialty area courses, and 700 hours of field experience. Students who successfully complete degree requirements for this program meet the educational requirements for Pennsylvania Licensed Professional Counselor. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Certified Counselor (NCC) examination, a state licensure prerequisite.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the ethical standards in counseling and the advocacy role of counselors in addressing institutional and social barriers which impede access, equity and success for clients
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the multicultural competencies and the effects of power and privilege for counselors and clients.
3. Students will demonstrate knowledge about human growth and development across the life span, have an awareness of the complexity of human development, and its impact on development of treatment plans and interventions
4. Students will demonstrate knowledge about ethical and culturally relevant strategies for addressing career development and demonstrate knowledge in career assessment.
5. Students will demonstrate knowledge in essential interviewing, counseling and case conceptualizing skilled and will use evidenced-based strategies and techniques for prevention and intervention.
6. Students will demonstrate knowledge about the dynamics associated with group process and development and demonstrate knowledge on the ethical and culturally relevant strategies for designing and facilitating groups.
7. Students will demonstrate knowledge in the use of assessments for diagnostic and intervention planning purposes and demonstrate knowledge about ethical and culturally relevant strategies for selecting, administering and interpreting assessment and test results.
8. Students will demonstrate knowledge about the identification of evidence-based counseling practices and the evaluation of counseling interventions and programs.
9. Students will demonstrate knowledge and competency in marriage, couple and family counseling and ethical decision making.

Note that all students must achieve 60 graduate credits. The final GPA requirement for Master of Arts in Counseling: Marriage, Couple, and Family is 3.0. In addition to credit requirement for the program and consultation with their advisors, students must have completed the following:

1. *Initial Advisement Seminar (IAS)*
2. *Signed New Student Agreement*
3. *Practicum Meeting*
4. *Practicum Eligibility & Intent*
5. *Practicum Readiness Statement*
6. *Practicum Agreement*
7. *Professional Membership & Liability Insurance*
8. *Comprehensive Exams (CPCE) Meeting*
9. *Internship Agreement*
10. *Pass CPCE*
11. *Maintain Satisfactory Academic Status*
12. *No Unresolved SAPER*

Core I. Common – 18 credits

COHS 518 Professional Orientation & Ethics for Mental Health Professionals (3 credits)
COHS 519 Intercultural Issues in Counseling (3 credits)
COHS 530 Fundamentals of Counseling (3 credits)
COHS 535 Career Counseling Throughout the Lifespan (3 credits)
COHS 546 Group Processes Seminar (3 credits) *Note COHS 530 is a prerequisite for this course.*
COHS 548 Counseling Theories Seminar (3 credits)

Core II. Research – 6 credits

COHS 507 Tests and Assessment in Counseling (3 credits)
COHS 508 Research Methods in Counseling (3 credits) *Note COHS 507 is a prerequisite for this course.*

Core III. Program Core – 9 credits

COHS 562 Intro to Problems of Addiction (3 credits)
PSYC 530 Life Span Development or COHS 565 Human Growth and Development (3 credits)
PSYC 546 Psychopathology or COHS 510 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning in Counseling (3 credits)

Cover IV. Specialty Area Courses – 18 credits

COHS 528 Seminar in Marital Therapy (3 credits)
COHS 538 The Addicted Family (3 credits) *Note: Substitution permitted with advisor approval only*
COHS 544 Contemporary Issues in Marriage and Family Counseling (3 credits)
COHS 554 Counseling and Family Systems (3 credits)
COHS 558 Structural and Strategic Family Therapy (3 credits)
COHS 578 Case Analyses (3 credits) *Note: Substitution permitted with advisor approval only*
COHS 560 Selected Topics in Counseling (3 credits)

Core V. Clinical Experience Courses – 9 credits

COHS 580 Practicum in Counseling (3 credits)
Note all Core I. Foundation Courses serve as a prerequisite for COHS 580. 100 hours of practicum is completed during the spring semester prior to COHS 594.
COHS 594 Field Experience Clinical Counseling (3 credits)
This field experience requires 300 hours and is completed during the fall semester.
COHS 594 Field Experience Clinical Counseling (3 credits)
This field experience requires 300 hours and is completed during the spring semester.

Program Plan Code: MA_CNSL_MARC

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