Empower people to accomplish their mental health, wellness and career goals.

We train counselors with a passion for helping others on their personal journeys. Acquire knowledge in theories, methods and skills for helping others in our counselor education program.

Program Overview

Stetson University’s CACREP-accredited Clinical Mental Health Counseling program strives to further develop your education in counseling those from diverse academic, geographic, religious and spiritual, ethnic and cultural backgrounds and in preparing you to accept and demonstrate your professional counseling responsibilities with distinction. Course work within the program includes 51 credits of core classes and nine credits of practicum and internship (60 credits in total). Our intention is to prepare you while interacting with a wide-range of developmental, ethnic and cultural groups in a variety of settings.

Our program can lead to a career in public and private mental health agencies including inpatient, outpatient and other treatment settings that include business and independent practices that provide clinical mental health consulting. Upon completion of the degree, you will be eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern.

The Program Design

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is designed to train individuals who aspire to be outstanding leaders in the clinical mental health counseling field. Graduates are prepared to provide counseling services to diverse populations across a variety of clinical and educational settings.

Our program incorporates standards within the profession of counseling as embodied by the American Counseling Association. The Counselor Education Program faculty members are active practitioners and researchers who identify with the counseling profession.

Program Highlights

Mission of the Counselor Education Program

The mission of the Department of Counselor Education is to educate counseling students—including those from diverse academic, geographic, religious/spiritual, ethnic and cultural backgrounds—in order to prepare them to accept and demonstrate their professional

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counseling responsibilities with distinction. Students learn to behave ethically, become aware of their personal strengths and resiliency, as well as their professional counseling responsibilities in an effort to apply these skills and self-knowledge to a culturally diverse clientele.

Faculty
Our leading faculty members are highly regarded among Stetson University students and graduates alike.

Judith A. Burnett, Ph. D., University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Leila F. Roach, Ph.D., University of Central Florida
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CACREP Accreditation
Our Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, also known as CACREP. CACREP accreditation indicates that programs have a rigorous curriculum and provide comprehensive fieldwork supervision.

For licensure, upon graduation, students are eligible to apply to the State of Florida as a Registered Mental Health Counselor intern, take the licensure examination (NCMHCE) and accrue the necessary hours to become a licensed mental health counselor (LMHC) under qualified supervision.

The Department of Counselor Education also participates with the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) to offer students advanced in their studies, the opportunity to take the National Counselor Examination (NCE) or the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE). Passing this exam and completing a few other requirements upon graduation, allows the student to become a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and/or a Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC), saving the graduate two years of post-master’s experience to earn this credential.

The regulations for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor (LMHC) in most states is based on the CACREP model, and graduates of CACREP programs are better able to obtain licensure when moving to other states. Some states require that applicants for licensure or certification have graduated from a CACREP-accredited program.