

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN Clinical Mental Health Counseling



PROGRAM OVERVIEW »

Stetson University's CACREP-accredited Clinical Mental Health Counseling program fully prepares you to counsel individuals of all ages using the most effective evidence-based practices in the field of mental health. Rigorous course work within the program prepares future counselors to understand and treat a wide array of clinical issues including trauma, substance abuse, depression, and anxiety from an individualized perspective. Students also learn through engagement in their communities with an opportunity to enhance the mental health of others throughout their education.

Our Mission

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

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. The program includes 51 credits of core courses and nine credits of practicum and internship for a total of 60 credit hours.

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 within the counseling profession.

FACULTY »

Our faculty are always willing to engage with prospective students who are interested in the program. You may request an appointment with a graduate faculty member and our Office of Graduate Admissions will help you confirm the appointment.

- Judith A. Burnett, PhD
- Jesse Fox, PhD
- Leila F. Roach, PhD
- Bethany Russell, PhD
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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. 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.

COURSES »

Core Courses

- COUN 501 - Evaluation and Assessment - 3 Credits
- COUN 502 - Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues - 3 Credits
- COUN 503 - Human Relations Methods and Skills - 3 Credits
- COUN 504 - Group Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 505 - Theories of Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 506 - Human Development - 3 Credits
- COUN 507 - Career Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 508 - Family Systems - 3 Credits
- COUN 509 - Individual, Marital and Family Psychopathology and Psychotherapy - 3 Credits
- COUN 513 - Multicultural Counseling and Psychosocial Therapy - 3 Credits
- COUN 514 - Sexuality Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 515 - Statistical Analysis and Research Design - 3 Credits
- COUN 516 - Addictions Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 521 - Counseling Children and Adolescents - 3 Credits
- COUN 525 - Advanced Individual, Couple, and Family Therapy, Techniques and Treatment Planning - 3 Credits
- COUN 526 - Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 527 - Counseling in a Community Setting - 3 Credits

Practicum and Internship

- COUN 517 - Practicum in Counselor Education - 3 Credits
- COUN 518 - Internship I in Counseling - 3 Credits
- COUN 519 - Internship II in Counseling - 3 Credits



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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

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.

95% of our program graduates who sought employment in the counseling profession are currently employed as professional counselors.



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