

Master of Science in Counseling / Clinical Mental Health Counseling



Approx. program length:

35 months

Credits:

60

Cost per credit:

\$698*

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

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Gain the skills to empower others to improve their lives. Our Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling teaches you how to clinically assess and treat clients coping with anxiety, depression, abuse and more.

*Refer to program handbook for additional fees required.

You'll learn how to:

- Develop a professional identity as an advocate and steward for the counseling profession
- Execute counseling assessment and testing processes and procedures to guide your practice
- Evaluate research and programs to inform counseling practice
- Integrate a variety of social and cultural diversity competencies as well as human growth and development, group counseling, and career development theories and principles into your practice.

Projected job growth:

23%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health?

An MSC/CCMH can prepare you to be a:

- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Mental Health Counselor
- Counselor

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors is projected to be much faster than average between 2020 and 2030.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Program Handbook:

[Master of Science in Counseling Program Handbook \(Campus\)](#)

Assessment reports:

[MSC/CCMH Program Student Learning Outcome Assessment Report \(Phoenix Campus\)](#)

Program faculty listings:

[Phoenix Campus MSC/CCMH faculty](#)

Total credits required:

60

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 60 credits to complete this Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits.

22 Core Courses

Here's where you'll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in a clinical mental health environment.

- CCMH/504: Individual and Family Development Across the Life Span
- CCMH/506: Personality Theories and Counseling Models
- CCMH/515CA: Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Counseling
- CCMH/510CA: Multicultural Issues in Mental Health Counseling
- CNSL/503R: Residency I
- CCMH/525: Research Methods for Mental Health Counselors
- CCMH/535: Psychometrics
- CCMH/544: Introduction to Clinical Assessment
- CCMH/548: Psychopathology: Advanced Clinical Assessment
- CCMH/551: Individual Counseling
- CCMH/558: Crisis Intervention and Trauma
- CNSL/513R: Residency II
- CMHC/551: Human Sexuality and Sex Therapy
- CCMH/522: Psychopharmacology
- CCMH/540: Career and Vocational Counseling
- CCMH/561: Dependency and Addictions
- CCMH/565: Family, Couple, and Child Counseling
- CCMH/568: Group Counseling
- CNSL/523R: Residency III
- CCMH/592: Practicum in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- CCMH/597A: Internship A
- CCMH/597B: Internship B

Admissions Course

To be admitted into the program students must successfully complete [CNSL/502](#), Graduate Portfolio I.

Program Purpose Statement

The Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling program prepares students for licensure as a professional counselor in jurisdictions where it is offered. In order to practice as a counselor in most states, the student must be licensed as an LPC (licensed professional counselor), MFT (marriage and family therapist), or other comparable state professional license designation. License requirements vary by state. Student's should ensure they stay updated on the licensure requirements in any state in which the student desires to practice. [Review state licensure requirements.](#)

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help you plan your Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling classes. Please note that on campus students are required to physically attend class one day a week, typically from 6-10 p.m.**

**During COVID-19, while our campuses are temporarily closed, your local campus classes will be held virtually so you can get face-to-face learning at home.

What you'll learn

When you earn your on-campus or online Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply in your career.

[Download learning outcomes](#)

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Professional counseling orientation and ethical practice
- Social and cultural diversity
- Human growth and development
- Career development
- Counseling and helping relationships
- Group counseling and group work
- Assessment and testing
- Research and program evaluation