

Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling



Approx. program length:

3 years, 6 months

Credits:

63

Cost per credit:

\$698*

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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 client populations coping with abuse, anxiety, depression and more. *Refer to program handbook for additional fees required.

You'll learn how to:

- Help clients improve relationships, advance personal growth and face crisis or trauma
- Understand mental health environments like behavioral health, community and mental health agencies and private practice settings
- Develop skills in cultural competency and client advocacy
- Integrate legal and ethical considerations into your clinical practice

Projected job growth:

22%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a master of clinical mental health counseling?

A degree can prepare you to be a:

- Mental health counselor
- Counselor
- Case manager

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for mental health counselors is projected to be much faster than average than average between 2018 and 2028.

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

Programmatic accreditation

The Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) at the Utah and Phoenix campuses.

What does that mean? CACREP-accredited schools are committed to quality standards. Accreditation is granted for a specified period of time. A full CACREP accreditation cycle is eight years. A program may be accredited for either the full eight-year cycle or receive accreditation for two years of the full cycle, necessitating further reporting on specified program elements.

The Utah campus program is in teach out. This means that, although we're no longer accepting new enrollments, current Utah campus students will be able to complete the program.

The online version of the MSC/CCMH is open for enrollment for new students. The online version is not accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Program Handbooks:

[Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program Handbook \(Online\)](#)

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

Assessment reports:

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

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

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

Program accreditation outcomes report:

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) awards programmatic accreditation to the Master of Science in Counseling program at the Utah Campus of University of Phoenix for meeting specific professional and educational standards.

[2017 report](#)

[2018 report](#)

[2019 report](#)

Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Program faculty listings:

[Utah Campus MSC/CCMH faculty](#)

[Phoenix Campus MSC/CCMH faculty](#)

[Online MSC/CCMH faculty](#)

Total credits required:

63

Requirements and prerequisites

Depending on modality and state of residence, you'll need 60 to 66 credits to complete this Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Your course schedule may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

23-25 Core courses

The Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling includes 23 to 25 core courses, in topics such as psychopharmacology, research methods, crisis intervention and sexuality, including internship and in-person residency requirements.

- CNSL/500: ORIENTATION TO THE COUNSELING PROFESSION
- 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/511: FUNDAMENTAL COUNSELING SKILLS
- CNSL/503R: RESIDENCY I
- CCMH/525: RESEARCH METHODS FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS
- CCMH/510CA: MULTICULTURAL ISSUES IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
- CCMH/547: BASIC CLINICAL ASSESSMENT AND PSYCHOMETRICS
- CCMH/548: PSYCHOPATHOLOGY: ADVANCED CLINICAL ASSESSMENT
- CCMH/522: PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY
- CCMH/551: INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
- CCMH/568: GROUP COUNSELING
- CNSL/513R: RESIDENCY II
- CCMH/540: CAREER AND VOCATIONAL COUNSELING
- CCMH/561: DEPENDENCY AND ADDICTIONS
- CCMH/565: FAMILY, COUPLE, AND CHILD COUNSELING
- CCMH/558: CRISIS INTERVENTION AND TRAUMA
- CMHC/551: HUMAN SEXUALITY AND SEX THERAPY
- CCMH/581: SUPERVISION/MANAGEMENT IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
- CNSL/523R: RESIDENCY III
- CCMH/592: PRACTICUM IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
- CCMH/597A: INTERNSHIP A
- CCMH/597B: INTERNSHIP B

Program Purpose Statement

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.](#)

California

The Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling program meets the California Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) educational requirements for registration with the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) as an Associate Professional Clinical Counselor (APCC). Upon successful completion of all educational requirements and required postgraduate supervised clinical hours, graduates are eligible to sit for LPCC licensure exam in California. 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 pm.

What you'll learn

When you earn your on-campus or online Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health Counseling, 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