MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

The clinical mental health counseling program is committed to preparing knowledgeable and ethical professional counselors equipped for the practice of individual, couple, family, and group counseling. The program emphasizes working with diverse populations and developing strategies to promote the social, emotional, psychological, and physical health of individuals, families, communities, and organizations. The program contributes to human development, adjustment, and change by encouraging our diverse faculty and student body to engage in reflective practice, critical inquiry, civic engagement, and responsible social action.

One of the first programs of its kind, the course of study prepares students to work in social services agencies, employment centers, and substance abuse programs, taking an integrated approach to counseling research and practice.

The course of study includes classroom, laboratory, and field-site education and training. The program includes a two-semester internship wherein interns deliver counseling services, under supervision, both in the program’s Community Counseling Services Center and at health and human services agencies in the community.

Visit the program website (http://gsehd.gwu.edu/programs/masters-clinical-mental-health-counseling/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:

Fall and Summer - January 15

Standardized test scores: The GRE is optional for students applying to enter the program in 2023.

Recommendations: Two (2) recommendations (preferably one from a faculty member and the other from a professional supervisor)

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

Statement of purpose: In an essay of 250 to 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study at The George Washington University, describing your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned in the application.

Additional requirements: A resumé and an interview are required.

International applicants only:

Please review International Applicant Information (https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Graduate Admissions
Graduate School of Education and Human Development
The George Washington University
2136 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20052

Contact for questions:
gsehdadm@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-9283 (phone) ~ 202.994.7207 (fax)
9:30 am – 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 60 credits, including 57 credits in required courses and 3 credits in elective courses; completion of 600 hours in internship and 100 hours in a practicum; and successful completion of a pre-practicum portfolio, a comprehensive examination, and two convocations.

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CNSL 6151  Professional and Ethical Orientation to Counseling

CNSL 6153  Counseling Interview Skills

CNSL 6154  Theories and Techniques of Counseling

CNSL 6155  Career Counseling

CNSL 6157  Individual Assessment in Counseling

CNSL 6161  Group Counseling

CNSL 6163  Social and Cultural Dimensions of Counseling

CNSL 6169  Substance Abuse and Addictions Counseling

CNSL 6171  Family Counseling

CNSL 6173  Diagnosis and Treatment Planning

CNSL 6174  Trauma and Crisis Intervention

CNSL 6185  Internship in Counseling

CNSL 6186  Advanced Internship in Counseling

CNSL 6268  Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling

HDEV 6108  Life Span Human Development

HDEV 6109  Child Development
  or HDEV 6110  Adolescent Development
  or HDEV 8244  Adult and Aging Development

CNSL 6269  Practicum in Counseling

CNSL 6271  Advanced Clinical Skills

**Elective**

3 credits in elective courses selected in consultation with the program advisor.

**Portfolio and comprehensive examination requirements**

Successful completion of pre-practicum portfolio requirements as outlined in the counseling and human development master’s student handbook.

Successful completion of the counselor preparation comprehensive examination.