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 one-semester practicum, a second semester advanced clinical skills course, and 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.
- Recommendation required: 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.

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

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Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. For a list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services (https://www.naces.org/members/ https://www.naces.org/members/).
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.