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 résumé and an interview are required.

International applicants only:
- Please review International Applicant Information (https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-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 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.