

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.

Top skills learned in this program:

- Human Development
- Psychotherapy
- Professionalism
- Diversity
- Research
- Clinical Assessments
- Career Counseling
- Group Dynamics

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:

- Mental health counselor
- Counselor
- Case manager

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/Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program Handbook \(Online\)](#)

Program faculty listings:

[Online 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 this field.

- 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

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.](#)

California

The Master of Science in Counseling/Clinical Mental Health 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. Students 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 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

You'll learn how to:

- Develop a professional identity as an advocate and steward for the counseling profession.
- Integrate social and cultural diversity competencies into their practice as a professional counselor.
- Integrate human growth and development theories and principles into their counseling practices.
- Integrate career development theories and principles into their counseling practices.
- Integrate counseling theories, models, and techniques into their counseling practices.
- Integrate group counseling theories and practices into their counseling practices.
- Execute counseling assessment and testing processes and procedures to guide their practice as a clinical mental health counselor.
- Evaluate research and programs to inform counseling practice.

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.