



MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CLINICAL PROGRAM

Program Overview

The **Mental Health Counseling - Clinical** program is a 60 credit hour Master of Science clinical mental health program that is nationally accredited by the Council on the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). This designation indicates curricular experiences encompassing each of the eight core areas of professional counseling including Professional Identity, Social and Cultural Diversity, Human Growth and Development, Career Development, Helping Relationships, Group Work, Assessment, and Research and Program Evaluation. Other required coursework includes clinical assessment, family counseling, and substance abuse. Students in the Mental Health Counseling - Clinical program also have the opportunity to take electives relative to their area of professional interest. These electives are chosen under the direction of an academic advisor. More information about matriculation can be found by visiting the Counseling Handbook. Students may elect to take twelve (12) of the elective hours in a certificate area offered by the department and graduate with a certificate in a specialty area along with the degree. Certificates include Rehabilitation Counseling and Behavioral Addictions, Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment, Marriage and Family Counseling, and Rehabilitation Psychology.

For More Information

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Future Employment

The U.S. Department of Labor projects that counseling is growing faster than average with some areas of clinical mental health counseling seeing growth rates up to 34% by 2016. The M.S. Mental Health Counseling Clinical degree prepares graduates to work in a variety of capacities such as:

- marriage and family counseling,
- substance abuse counseling,
- clinical mental health counseling,
- college counseling, non-profit work,
- business settings, and
- many other areas.

Credentialing: Licensure and Certification

Coursework in the M.S. Degree in Mental Health Counseling Clinical prepares individuals for national counselor certification and state licensure. See the National Board for Certified Counselors <http://www.nbcc.org/> and the North Carolina Licensed Professor Counselor Board <http://www.ncblpc.org/> websites for details.

The Certificate in Marriage and Family Counseling

The Mental Health Counseling Clinical program offers the Certificate in Marriage and Family Counseling at North Carolina A & T State University in response to the increasing need for counselors trained to



work with families and is designed to give students advanced training in the area of marriage and family counseling. Grounded in family theory and principles, the certificate coursework provides an additional opportunity for students to specialize their counseling degree in the clinical, rehabilitation, and school counseling areas. The certificate is available to all students enrolled in M.S. Mental Health Counseling-Clinical, M.S. Mental Health Counseling-Rehabilitation, and M.S. School Counseling at NCA&T and only available to persons enrolled in these programs.

Marriage and Family Counseling differs from clinical mental health counseling as the focus of treatment is considered the couple or family unit rather than the individual. There is also less emphasis

on the internal psychology of an individual and more focus placed on systemic family functioning, family roles, and boundaries.

The current counseling climate today dictates that working with families will be a necessity for just about any counseling professional. The United States Department of Labor predicts that the demand for marriage and family counselors/therapists is expected to grow by 14% from 2008 to 2018. The outlook for this job, as well as all counseling jobs, is expected to grow faster than average with job opportunities exceeding the number of counseling graduates. There is a direct need in the community for skilled individuals to work with children and families.

Required Courses

- COUN 754 Advanced Theory and Practice in Family Counseling
- COUN 756 Counseling Couples
- COUN 774 Counseling Poor and Ethnically Diverse Families

Optional (select one)

- COUN 728 Counseling Women and Girls
- COUN 753 Play Therapy
- COUN 757 Contemporary Issues in Marriage and Family Counseling
- COUN 769 Marriage and Family Counseling in Addictions

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NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE FEE SCHEDULE PER SEMESTER FALL 2017 - SPRING 2018

Tuition and fees subject to change per UNC General Administration

# OF CREDIT HOURS	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 - 7	8	9 or More
TUITION IN-STATE	\$568.13	\$1,136.25	\$1,704.38	\$1,704.38	\$2,272.50
TUITION OUT-OF-STATE	\$2,118.75	\$4,237.50	\$6,356.25	\$6,356.25	\$8,475.00
REQUIRED FEES					
DEBT SERVICE					
Health Center	\$10.63	\$21.25	\$31.88	\$42.50	\$42.50
Student Union	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
Stadium System	\$6.63	\$13.25	\$19.88	\$26.50	\$25.50
CAMPUS CENTER - Operations	\$33.69	\$67.38	\$101.06	\$134.75	\$134.75
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$45.13	\$90.25	\$135.38	\$180.50	\$180.50
CAMPUS SAFETY FEE	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
STUDENT GOV'T ASSOC.	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$5.50
EDUC. & TECHNOLOGY	\$50.65	\$101.29	\$151.94	\$202.59	\$202.59
I.D. PROCESSING	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50
ATHLETICS	\$101.00	\$202.00	\$303.00	\$404.00	\$404.00
HEALTH SERVICES	\$41.69	\$83.38	\$125.66	\$166.75	\$166.75
SHUTTLE SERVICE	\$40.50	\$40.50	\$40.50	\$40.50	\$40.50
TOTAL REQUIRED FEES	\$582.92	\$872.30	\$1,161.70	\$1,451.09	\$1,451.09
HEALTH INSURANCE (OPT)			\$1,136.68	\$1,136.68	\$1,136.68
TOTAL TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES					
IN-STATE	\$1,151.05	\$2,008.55	\$4,002.76	\$4,292.15	\$4,860.27
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OUT-OF-STATE	\$2701.67	\$5,109.80	\$8,654.63	\$8,944.02	\$11,062.77

TUITION DIFFERENTIALS MAX RATE	THESIS ONLY
MBA	IN-STATE \$1,151.03
JMSW & JSNN IN-STATE	OUT-IN-STATE \$2,701.65
JMSW & JSNN OUT-OF-STATE	\$808.00

The university reserves the right to increase or decrease all fees and charges as well as add or delete expense items without advance notice, as circumstances in the judgement of the administration may require.

Remittance should be made by check (personal, certified, or cashier's) money order or credit card (American Express, MasterCard, VISA or Discover). All payments should be addressed to the **Treasurer's Office, The Graduate School, North Carolina A&T State University, 1601 E. Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27411.**

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Online application
- Application fee
- Transcripts
- Personal statement
- Recommendation letters

Some programs require standardized test scores or on campus interviews

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

	Priority	US Citizen	International
Fall	Feb. 1	June 1	May 15
Spring	Sept. 1	Oct. 15	Oct. 1
Summer	NA	April 1	NA

*Earlier deadlines for certain programs apply. Check www.ncat.edu/grad for individual program requirements

FINANCING GRADUATE STUDIES

For detailed information on tuition, fees, and related costs of education, assistantships, fellowships and other financial assistance visit www.ncat.edu/grad.

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- Defense and National Security
- Energy and the Environment
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- Human Health, Nutrition and Wellness
- Leadership and Community Development
- Nanotechnology and Multi-Scale
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Transportation and Logistics



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