

MASTER OF ARTS CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING



GRADUATE STUDIES



Program Description

Begin the path toward becoming a licensed mental health counselor with the Master of Arts (MA) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program. The two- to three-year program provides a broad theoretical base for practice as well as an appreciation of how social and economic factors affect individuals, families, communities and social institutions. Coursework covers human development, legal and ethical issues, career development, appraisal techniques, counseling theories, group work, practicum, and research and program evaluation. The program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs.

The Counseling Department offers an opportunity to earn a single MA degree with both the Clinical Mental Health Counseling major and the School Counseling major. Students must meet initial admissions requirements of both programs to qualify for this option. Students may elect the dual major option at any time after admission to one of the programs and prior to graduation. Students initially admitted into the Clinical Mental Health Counseling major, will take an additional 15-21 credits. Students must complete all degree requirements for both majors including passing all subsections of the FTCE, General Knowledge, Professional Educator Examination and the Guidance and Counseling Subject Area Exam prior to graduation. Additional information is available at <https://www.fgcu.edu/mariebcollege/counseling/clinicalmentalhealthcounseling-ma.aspx>

Admissions Requirements

- FGCU graduate application
- Official academic transcripts from every college or university attended
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller's Analogies Test (MAT) official scores
- Submission of three favorable recommendations from professionals in the field
- Statement of career goals (2-3 pages)
- Meet one of the following (*GPA & Test Scores are required from ALL applicants regardless of which criteria are met*):
 - GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
 - GRE minimum score: 151-153 Verbal & 143-144 quantitative
 - 400 or higher on the MAT
- Interview (by invitation)
- International students must have a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam (minimum score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, or 79 internet-based) for students from countries where English is not the primary language

Satisfaction of minimum University and program requirements does not guarantee admission to a graduate program. Applicants should check with the program for the most up to date admission requirements prior to commencing the application process.

Application Deadlines

Fall – February 1

Counseling Criminal Record Policy Statement

All applicants are advised that in order to complete the program, they must complete internships. Most internship facilities do background checks and will not permit the placement of counselor interns with criminal records. The Department reserves the right to deny program admission to any applicant if it appears that applicant is unlikely to be able to complete the internship requirement due to a criminal record, thus inhibiting their ability to complete the program.

Graduate Full-Time Student Cost of Attendance

Expenses	Florida Resident	Non Florida Resident
Tuition and Fees	\$6,720	\$23,412
Books and Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200
Room and Board	\$9,672	\$9,672
Estimated Total Cost	\$17,592	\$34,284

The in-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$373.38 per credit hour. The out-of-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$1,300.66 per credit hour.

Tuition & Fees figures are based on a graduate student taking 9 graduate credit hours per term for 2 terms (Fall & Spring).

For more details, visit: fgcu.edu/Graduate/Financing-graduate-studies

Contact Information

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Program Details

Credit Hours Required in Major – 63 Credit Hours

Core Courses (57 credits)

MHS 6021 Intro to Clin Mental Hlth Coun (3)
MHS 6070 Mental Disorders (3)
MHS 6200 Appraisal Procedures (3)
MHS 6340 Career Development (3)
MHS 6404 Intro to Couns Theory and Tech (3)
MHS 6428 Cross-Cultural Counsel (3)
MHS 6445 Intro Relations/Family Systems (3)
MHS 6450 Issues in Addictions and Abuse (3)
MHS 6466 Crisis/Trauma Counseling (3)
MHS 6470 Human Sexual Issues Counselor (3)
MHS 6482 Lifespan/Development (3)
MHS 6500 Introduction to Group Dynamics (3)
MHS 6600 Collabor & Consult Prblm Solve (1)
MHS 6700 Legal & Ethical Iss in Coun (3)
MHS 6710 Research and Prog Evaluation (3)
MHS 6800 Practicum in Counseling (3)
MHS 6805 Adv Practicum in Counseling (3)
MHS 6881 Clinical Internship I (1)
MHS 6882 Clinical Internship II (1)
MHS 6883 Clinical Internship III (3)
MHS 6888 Intrn: ProfDev Mental Hlth Cns (3)

Electives (6 credits minimum)

MHS 6073 Building Resilience: Child/Adol (3)
MHS 6311 Issues in Couns & Technology (3)
MHS 6405 Advanced Counseling Theory (2)
MHS 6422 Play Therapy (3)
MHS 6435 Fam Couns Theory & Techniques (3)
MHS 6446 Relationship/Marriage Counsel (3)
MHS 6620 Org Admin and Supv (2)
MHS 6807 Internship: Relation/Fam Counsel (1-3)
MHS 6886 Clinical Internship V (1)

~Above is a brief preview of the program content at the start of the 2019-2020 academic year. Information regarding program requirements and admissions are specific to a student's catalog year. This information is corrected or adjusted as needed. For more details, please review the University Catalog.
<http://www.fgcu.edu/catalog/>

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