



Professional Counseling Program Degree Plans

[Degree Plans Effective Fall 2021]

(PR = Prerequisite, CO = Corequisite: can be taken in same semester, or earlier) *Updated

MASTER OF ARTS, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING				
Degree Concentrations	Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CACREP)	Marriage, Couple, & Family Counseling (CACREP)	School Counseling (CACREP)	School Counseling Certificate
LEVEL 1: FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (No prerequisites—can be taken in any order)				
COUN 5301: Professional Counseling Orientation *CPCE	✓	✓		
COUN 5328: Professional Orientation in School Counseling			✓	✓
COUN 5305: Assessment in Counseling *CPCE	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5307: Theories of Counseling & Personality *CPCE	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5316: Counseling Diverse Populations *CPCE	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5344: Substance Abuse & Counseling	✓		✓	
COUN 5350: Advanced Counselor Ethics *CPCE	✓	✓	✓	
COUN 5355: Career Counseling *CPCE	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5359: Psychopathology in CMHC	✓	✓	✓	
COUN 5367: Marital & Family Counseling Current Theories	✓	✓	✓	
COUN 5368: Developmental Issues in Counseling *CPCE	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5391: Research Methods *CPCE	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 2: INTERMEDIATE COURSES (Have prerequisites/co-requisites—See Graduate Catalog for effective dates)				
COUN 5354: Basic Counseling Skills & Abnormal Behavior – PR 5307, 5350; CO 5301 (CMHC/MCFC) or 5328 (SC) *CPCE	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5358: Group Counseling – co 5354 *CPCE	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5369: Child and Adolescent Counseling – PR 5354, 5368	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5351: Current Issues in Marriage, Couple, & Family Therapy – PR 5316, 5367		✓		

	CMHC	MCFC	SC	SCert
COUN 5372: Assessment & Treatment in Marriage & Family Counseling – PR 5367		✓		
COUN 5338: Advanced Issues in School Counseling – PR 5316, 5328, 5368			✓	✓
ELECTIVE (3 credit hours)	✓			
CLINICAL SEQUENCE (These courses must be taken in sequence, in separate semesters)				
	(CMHC Track: Choose <u>ONE</u> IM Course to Take)	(MCFC Track: Take 5360 only)	(SC Track: Take 5370 & 5373 in any order)	(SC Cert. Track: Take 5370 & 5373 in any order)
COUN 5360: Intermediate Methods in MCFC – PR 5316, 5354, 5367; CO 5359; CO 5369		✓		
COUN 5366: Intermediate Methods in Adult Counseling – PR 5316, 5354; CO 5359	✓			
COUN 5370: Intermediate Methods in Counseling Adolescents – PR 5316, 5354, 5369; CO 5359	✓		✓	✓
COUN 5373: Intermediate Methods in Play Therapy – PR 5316, 5354, 5369; CO 5359	✓		✓	✓
COUN 5689: Clinical Practicum – PR 5358, PR 5369 ; Pass the CPCE, and Pass at least one IM listed within concentration	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5389 (1): Site-Based Internship – PR 5689	✓	✓	✓	✓
COUN 5389 (2): Site-Based Internship – PR 5389	✓	✓	N/A	N/A
TOTAL HOURS				
	60 hours	60 hours	60 hours	48 hours

***CPCE >** These courses are covered on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE).

When planning your courses each semester, please be aware that you can begin the clinical sequence while still completing other course work. It is to your advantage to have most of Level 1 classes complete before moving to Level 2 to be prepared for the Comprehensive Examination and to complete the necessary prerequisite courses for Level 2 classes. Many students apply for and take the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) during their Intermediate Methods semester, or in the semester prior to Intermediate Methods. You must pass the CPCE to gain enrollment in COUN 5689 Clinical Practicum. See the Student handbook and program webpage for more information about the CPCE, and to determine when you would be eligible to test. During the Intermediate Methods semester, you must apply for admission to COUN 5689 Clinical Practicum. Application announcements will be sent through the student listserv and posted on the program webpage. COUN 5389 Site based Internship also requires an application for section assignment.

The clinical sequence consists of the following courses, each of which must be taken in order and in separate semesters:

- **COUN 5354, *Basic Counseling Skills and Abnormal Behavior***
- **COUN 5360/5366/5370/or 5373, *Intermediate Methods*** (see your individual degree plan; the appropriate IM course MUST be taken prior to COUN 5689, Clinical Practicum and will determine types of clients you will see in Clinical Practicum)
- **COUN 5689, *Clinical Practicum***: While enrolled in 5689, apply for COUN 5389, Site Based Internship (applies to all degree tracks)
- **COUN 5389, *Site Based Internship***: Apply for second semester of internship (applies to CMHC and MCFC degree tracks)