

Degree: M.A. Counseling, Specialization in Clinical Mental Health 2026 – 2027

Admission Requirements
3.0 minimum cumulative GPA on a 4.000 scale or 3.0 in last 60 credit hours of bachelor's degree.
A <i>statement of purpose</i> intended to give the Counseling Faculty a sense of why you want to pursue a degree in Counseling.
Three <i>recommendations</i> with evaluation forms indicating evidence of character and capability to successfully serve as an effective mental health professional
Admission Interview with program faculty
National Criminal Background Check and Sex Offender Registry Check
Program Requirements and Evaluations (Gatekeeping)
A letter grade of "B" or better is required to pass a course and have it count towards the degree requirements.
Students will engage in continuous evaluations that fulfill CACREP standards and professional gatekeeping responsibilities.
Students must pass the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) within one standard deviation of the national norm before graduation.

Required Courses & Suggested Sequence	Credit Hours
Year 1 – Fall	
COUN 6113 Orientation to the Counseling Profession (8 weeks; includes on-campus intensive and weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6123 Theories of Counseling (8 weeks; fully online.)	3
COUN 6133 Professional Ethics and Legal Issues (16 weeks; includes on-campus intensive and weekly synchronous activity.)	3
Year 1 – Spring	
COUN 6323 Assessment Techniques in Counseling (8 weeks; fully online.)	3
COUN 6213 Psychopathology & Psychopharmacology (8 weeks; includes on-campus intensive and weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6233 Counseling Skills and Techniques (16 weeks; includes on-campus intensive and weekly synchronous activity.)	3
Year 1 – Summer	
COUN 6313 Biblical Foundations for Counseling (8 weeks; fully online. requires weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6223 Human Growth and Lifespan Development (8 weeks; fully online.)	3
Year 2 – Fall	
COUN 6423 Group Process and Counseling (8 weeks; includes on-campus intensive.)	3
COUN 6433 Research and Program Evaluation (16 weeks; includes on-campus intensive and weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6413 Case Conceptualization and Treatment Planning (8 weeks; includes on-campus intensive.)	3
COUN 6723 Crisis and Trauma Counseling (8 weeks; includes weekly synchronous activity.)	3
Year 2 – Spring	
COUN 6613 Social and Cultural Diversity (8 weeks; includes weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6713 Addiction Therapies (8 weeks; requires weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6533 Counseling Practicum (8 weeks; requires weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6542 Internship 1 (8 weeks, requires weekly synchronous activity.)	2
Year 2 – Summer	
COUN 6623 Career Development (8 weeks; fully online.)	3
COUN 6632 Internship 2 (11 weeks, requires weekly synchronous activity.)	2
Year 3 – Fall	
COUN 6513 Contemporary Therapy Models and Telehealth: Special Topic (8 weeks; includes weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6523 Relationship Dynamics and Family Systems (8 weeks; requires weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6733 Counseling Capstone for CMHC (16 weeks; requires weekly synchronous activity.)	3
COUN 6742 Internship 3 (16 weeks; requires weekly synchronous activity.)	2
Total	63