CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING - M.ED.

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School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
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Description
The Master of Education degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling prepares students for employment as counselors in community-based human service agencies (e.g., substance abuse facilities, mental health centers, child and family service agencies) and private counseling facilities.

This program is designed to fulfill the educational requirements for licensure as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in the state of Ohio. The program may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis, although some full-time study is urged.

State and Federal background checks are required for internship experiences and to apply for Counselor Trainee status. See the Practicum and Internship Coordinator for more information.

Fully Offered At:
- Kent Campus

Accreditation
Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

Admission Requirements
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- Questions in Anticipation of Licensure Form
- Supplemental Interview Form (required for spring 2021 and later)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Interview
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Engage in extensive practica experiences in an on-site counseling facility that utilizes multiple levels of supervision;
2. Engage in a minimum of four semesters of supervised clinical experiences designed to effectively work with clients from a multicultural and pluralistic society;
3. Demonstrate knowledge in assessment, group work, career development, helping relationships human growth and development, social and cultural diversity, research, and program evaluation, and professional orientation and ethical practice;
4. Meet the academic components required by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board to be eligible to sit for the current licensure assessments;
5. Understand legal and ethical standards and practice in a legal and ethical manner;
6. Understand and demonstrate multicultural responsiveness;
7. Demonstrate a strong counselor identity;
8. Demonstrate strong clinical skills in case conceptualization, diagnosis, and treatment planning;
9. Understand and demonstrate sound counseling skills and techniques within a theoretical framework in both individual and group counseling;
10. Understand the importance of research in advancing the counseling profession including how to critique research to inform counseling practice; and
11. Effectively work with crisis, trauma, suicide, and at-risk clients.

Professional Licensure Disclosure
This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State’s website for professional licensure disclosure.

Program Requirements
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CES 67820 GROUP WORK: THEORY AND TECHNIQUES 3
CES 68126 INTRODUCTION TO ASSESSMENT IN COUNSELING 3
CES 68128 CLINICAL ASSESSMENT IN COUNSELING 3
CES 68130 PSYCHOPATHOLOGY FOR COUNSELORS 3
CES 68167 CASE CONCEPTUALIZATION AND TREATMENT PLANNING 3
CES 68182 CAREER COUNSELING 3
CES 67892 INTERNSHIP II: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING 3
EPSY 65523 LIFE SPAN DEVELOPMENT 3
Advisor Approved Electives, choose from the following: 6
  CES 67668 MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING
  CES 68066 COUNSELING ADOLESCENTS
  CES 68067 COUNSELING CHILDREN
  CES 68168 ADVANCED COUNSELING THEORIES
  CES 68529 COUPLES THERAPY: THEORY AND TECHNIQUES
  CES 68533 FAMILY THERAPY: THEORY AND TECHNIQUES
  CES 68538 ADVANCED MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 60

Graduation Requirements

The M.Ed. degree curriculum is a minimum of 60 credit hours, including a 600 clock-hour internship.

Licensure Information

Candidates seeking Ohio license are required to pass specific assessments in order to apply for licensure. Students should consult their advisors for specific program requirements and refer to the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapy Board website for more information on assessments specific to licensure type.