# CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING - M.ED.

College of Education Health and Human Services  
School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences  
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## About This Program

Make a difference in mental health with the Clinical Mental Health Counseling M.Ed. program. Learn to provide compassionate and effective counseling to those in need, with practical experience and dedicated faculty to support your growth.  

## Contact Information

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- Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:** In person  
- **Location:** Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

**Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors**

- 24.7% much faster than the average  
- 319,400 number of jobs  
- $47,660 potential earnings

## Accreditation

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

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university  
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale  
- Official transcript(s)  
- Goal statement  
- Questions in Anticipation of Licensure Form  
- Supplemental Interview Form  
- 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  
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score  
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score  
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score  
  - Minimum 58 PTE score  
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English score

## Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**  
  - Priority deadline: December 15  
  - Application deadline: February 1  
  - Applications submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.  
  - Applications submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

- **Spring Semester**  
  - Priority deadline: September 1  
  - Application deadline: October 1  
  - Applications submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

- **Summer Term**  
  - Application deadline: February 1  
  - Applications submitted after this deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

## Progression Requirements

- Students who earn a C+ grade or lower in any course for the degree must repeat the course for a better grade. All prerequisites for courses must be completed with a minimum minimum B- grade.

## Program Requirements

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**Graduation Requirements**

- Minimum B- (or Satisfactory) grade in all courses
- Minimum 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.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Effectively work with clients from a multicultural and pluralistic society.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Understand legal and ethical standards and practice in a legal and ethical manner.
5. Understand and demonstrate multicultural responsiveness.
6. Demonstrate a strong counselor identity.
7. Demonstrate strong clinical skills in case conceptualization, diagnosis and treatment planning.
8. Understand and demonstrate sound counseling skills and techniques within a theoretical framework in both individual and group counseling.
9. Understand the importance of research in advancing the counseling profession, including how to critique research to inform counseling practice.
10. Effectively work with crisis, trauma, suicide and at-risk clients.

**Full Description**

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**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.