

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING (M.A.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2022 through summer 2023. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Early Core Courses		
COUC 500	Orientation to Counselor Professional Identity and Function	3
COUC 501	Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling	3
COUC 502	Human Growth and Development	3
COUC 504	Multicultural Counseling	3
COUC 505	Counseling Techniques and the Helping Relationship ¹	3
COUC 506	Integration of Spirituality and Counseling	3
COUC 510	Theories of Counseling	3
Total Hours		21

¹ Course offered in intensive format.

Code	Title	Hours
Advanced Core Courses		
COUC 512	Group Counseling ^{1,2}	3
COUC 515	Research and Program Evaluation ³	3
COUC 521	Assessment Techniques in Counseling	3
COUC 522	Career Development and Counseling	3
COUC 546	Psychopathology	3
COUC 601	Theories of Family Systems	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Course offered in intensive format.

² A background check will be required

³ Student must successfully complete three hours of undergraduate coursework in statistics. Those who did not complete this course during their undergraduate program may fulfill this prerequisite requirement during the first two semesters of the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Specialization Courses		
COUC 604	Crisis Counseling	3
COUC 667	Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning	3
CEFS 670	Comprehensive Exam - CPCE ¹	0
CEFS 671	Comprehensive Exam - Integration ¹	0
COUC 691	Substance Abuse: Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention	3
COUC 698		3
COUC 699	²	3
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Total Hours		18

¹ Counseling Comprehensive Exam prerequisites: COUC 500 Orientation to Counselor Professional Identity and Function (3 c.h.), COUC 501 Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling (3 c.h.), COUC 502 Human Growth and Development (3 c.h.), COUC 504 Multicultural Counseling (3 c.h.), COUC 505 Counseling Techniques and the Helping Relationship (3 c.h.), COUC 506 Integration of Spirituality and Counseling (3 c.h.), COUC 510 Theories of Counseling (3 c.h.), COUC 512 Group Counseling (3 c.h.), COUC 515 Research and Program Evaluation (3 c.h.), COUC 521 Assessment Techniques in Counseling (3 c.h.), COUC 522 Career Development and Counseling (3 c.h.), COUC 546 Psychopathology (3 c.h.), COUC 667 Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (3 c.h.)

² COUC 699 (c.h.) must be taken a minimum of two times, and may be taken a third time

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Courses		
	Choose one 500-700 level elective from the following: CEFS, COUC, CRIS, LIFC, & SUBS	3
Total Hours		3

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 total hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No more than 2 grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Successful completion of Comprehensive Exam
- Liberty University course work that is more than 10 years old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Resident & Online Format