

M.S.ED. IN COUNSELING

<https://eps.edu.miami.edu/graduate/masters/c-msed/index.html>

Overview

Programs offered in counseling are characterized by intensive clinical supervision by faculty members in an on-campus clinic and at out placement centers in the community, by strengths in the areas of family systems and couples' therapy, and by the rich multi-ethnic composition of the community, students and clients.

Application Requirements

Admission to all graduate-degree concentrations in the School of Education and Human Development is based on the recommendation of the faculty. Admissions decisions are based on faculty review of the following general requirements that apply to **all** Graduate Programs in the School as well as specific documents listed under each concentration.

Applicants must:

- International applicants whose native language is not English or applicants whose degrees are from a non-U.S. University must pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS);
- provide official transcripts showing completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and an acceptable undergraduate grade point average. A minimum of 3.0 undergraduate GPA is required. Official transcripts from every institution attended by an applicant, whether or not the applicant completed a degree program at the institution, are required;
- provide three letters of recommendation that address the issues and meet the criteria established by the program being applied to;
- provide a personal statement that addresses the mission and purpose of the program being applied to;
- resume;
- take part in an admissions interview (required); and
- exhibit personal and professional experiences and characteristics that are relevant to the profession and/or field and/or degree program for which the application is being submitted.

International Applications

All international applications must provide additional information and meet additional requirements as required by the UM Graduate School and the Office of International Student and Scholar Services. For an appropriate link to these requirements, please visit the Graduate School website.

Admission Decision

Once an applicant has been admitted to graduate study, that individual should meet with the faculty advisor who was appointed to serve in that capacity and whose name appears in the admissions letter. This advisor will help the student enroll in courses that are appropriate to the program; to develop and to refine a Course Sequence Plan that must be on file in the Office of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of enrollment.

Honor Code/Handbook of Policies and Procedures

The School of Education and Human Development follows the Graduate School's Honor Code. All students are required to review the Graduate Student Honor Code and the School of Education and Human Development's Handbook of Policies and Procedures for Graduate Students and submit the signed Acknowledgement of Receipt located on page 3 by the end of their first semester of enrollment.

Curriculum Requirements

Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration

This variable 60 credit hour program provides the academic and pre-degree supervision requirements for licensing as a Marriage and Family Therapist but does not meet the educational requirements to apply for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist in Florida.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
EPS 667	Professional, Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling	3
EPS 668	Social and Cultural Diversity and Counseling	3
EPS 669	Psychopathology for Counselors	3
EPS 676	Counseling Process and Practice	3
EPS 677	Assessment Strategies for Counselors I	3
EPS 678	Counseling Theories and Practice	3
EPS 679	Lifespan Human Development	3
EPS 680	Theory and Practice with Children and Adolescents	3

EPS 681	Counseling and Sexuality	3
EPS 684	Research and Program Evaluation in Counseling	3
EPS 685	Substance Abuse and Addictions: Theories and Counseling	3
Marriage and Family Therapy Specialty		
EPS 670	Dynamics of Marriage and Family Systems	3
EPS 671	Family Therapy	3
EPS 672	Therapy for Couples	3
Elective		3
Select 3 credit hours to fulfill elective requirement ¹		
Practicum		15
EPS 682	Practicum in Counseling I	
EPS 802	Practicum Laboratory I	
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ See Graduate Academic Advisor for guidance.

Curriculum Requirements

Mental Health Counseling Concentration

This variable 60 credit hour program provides the academic and pre-degree supervision requirements for licensing as a Mental Health Counselor in the State of Florida.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
EPS 667	Professional, Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling	3
EPS 668	Social and Cultural Diversity and Counseling	3
EPS 669	Psychopathology for Counselors	3
EPS 676	Counseling Process and Practice	3
EPS 677	Assessment Strategies for Counselors I	3
EPS 678	Counseling Theories and Practice	3
EPS 679	Lifespan Human Development	3
EPS 680	Theory and Practice with Children and Adolescents	3
EPS 681	Counseling and Sexuality	3
EPS 684	Research and Program Evaluation in Counseling	3
EPS 685	Substance Abuse and Addictions: Theories and Counseling	3
Mental Health Counseling Specialty		
EPS 673	Counseling in Community Settings	3
EPS 674	Lifestyle and Career Counseling	3
EPS 675	Therapeutic Group Procedures	3
Elective		3
Select 3 credit hours to fulfill elective requirement ¹		
Practicum		15
EPS 682	Practicum in Counseling I	
EPS 802	Practicum Laboratory I	
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ See Graduate Academic Advisor for guidance.

These are sample Plans of Study. Your actual course sequence may vary depending on your previous academic experience as well as current course offerings. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester to determine the appropriate course selection.

Sample Plan of Study

Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration

Year One		Credit Hours
Fall		
EPS 668	Social and Cultural Diversity and Counseling	3
EPS 669	Psychopathology for Counselors	3
EPS 670	Dynamics of Marriage and Family Systems	3
EPS 676	Counseling Process and Practice	3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
EPS 667	Professional, Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling	3
EPS 671	Family Therapy	3
EPS 677	Assessment Strategies for Counselors I	3
EPS 678	Counseling Theories and Practice	3
Credit Hours		12
Summer I		
EPS 679	Lifespan Human Development	3
EPS 680	Theory and Practice with Children and Adolescents	3
Credit Hours		6
Summer II		
EPS 672	Therapy for Couples	3
EPS 685	Substance Abuse and Addictions: Theories and Counseling	3
Credit Hours		6
Year Two		
Fall		
EPS 682	Practicum in Counseling I	3
EPS 684	Research and Program Evaluation in Counseling	3
EPS 802	Practicum Laboratory I	3
Credit Hours		9
Spring		
EPS 681	Counseling and Sexuality	3
EPS 682	Practicum in Counseling I	3
EPS 802	Practicum Laboratory I	3
Credit Hours		9
Summer I		
EPS 802	Practicum Laboratory I	3
3-Credit Elective		3
Credit Hours		6
Total Credit Hours		60

Sample Plan of Study

Mental Health Counseling Concentration

Year One		Credit Hours
Fall		
EPS 668	Social and Cultural Diversity and Counseling	3
EPS 669	Psychopathology for Counselors	3
EPS 673	Counseling in Community Settings	3
EPS 676	Counseling Process and Practice	3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
EPS 667	Professional, Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling	3

EPS 674	Lifestyle and Career Counseling	3
EPS 677	Assessment Strategies for Counselors I	3
EPS 678	Counseling Theories and Practice	3
Credit Hours		12
Summer I		
EPS 679	Lifespan Human Development	3
EPS 680	Theory and Practice with Children and Adolescents	3
Credit Hours		6
Summer II		
EPS 675	Therapeutic Group Procedures	3
EPS 685	Substance Abuse and Addictions: Theories and Counseling	3
Credit Hours		6
Year Two		
Fall		
EPS 682	Practicum in Counseling I	3
EPS 684	Research and Program Evaluation in Counseling	3
EPS 802	Practicum Laboratory I	3
Credit Hours		9
Spring		
EPS 681	Counseling and Sexuality	3
EPS 682	Practicum in Counseling I	3
EPS 802	Practicum Laboratory I	3
Credit Hours		9
Summer I		
EPS 802	Practicum Laboratory I	3
3-Credit Elective		3
Credit Hours		6
Total Credit Hours		60

Mission

To prepare students for professional practice at the Master's level in Mental Health Counseling (MHC), and Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) through the integration of theory, research and skills derived from science-based education.

Goals

The Master's program prepares students to function as culturally competent counselors to address the mental health needs of a diverse client population.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Our counseling students will demonstrate knowledge of DSM-5 (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders- 5th Edition) symptom criteria for mental disorders. They will accurately identify clinical symptoms and provide the corresponding diagnosis based on DSM-5 criteria.
- Students are expected to demonstrate competence in developing case conceptualizations. Specifically, students should be able to incorporate theories in developing comprehensive case conceptualizations of practicum patients (patients treated at our on-campus training clinic).
- Students will demonstrate knowledge in the application of ethical guidelines governing the practice of mental health counseling.