

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN Clinical Mental Health Counseling



Mental health counselors help children, adolescents, and adults deal with a variety of life stresses and problems—including addiction/substance abuse; problems with self-esteem; age-related mental health issues; family, parenting, or marital problems; grief, anger, or depression; and other emotional or behavioral issues.

To equip students with the ability to help people in their communities face these challenges, Mercer University's **Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling** features diverse, credentialed faculty and relevant internship experience with clients. Graduates are eligible to sit for the licensing exams required to earn the Associate Professional Counselor (APC) or Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) designations in the State of Georgia.

*The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Mercer University is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).*

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Format:** Blended combination of online and in-person classes

**Start Term:** January, May, and August

**Course Length:** 16 weeks

**Completion Time:** 30–42 months

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## Program of Study

### Core Requirements: 54 hours

COUN 601 Career Development  
COUN 602 Introduction to Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
COUN 604 Psychopathology and Diagnosis  
COUN 605 Group Counseling and Group Work  
COUN 606 Counseling Skills and Techniques  
COUN 608 Addictions Counseling  
COUN 609 Practicum  
COUN 610 Internship  
COUN 612 Counseling Theory  
COUN 613 Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling  
COUN 614 Human Growth and Development  
COUN 617 Assessment and Testing  
COUN 618 Ethics and Professional Issues  
COUN 621 Research and Program Evaluation  
COUN 630 Professional Seminar  
COUN 635 Orientation to Professional Practice  
COUN 636 Internship II  
COUN 641 Theories of Family Counseling  
COUN 645 Crisis, Trauma, and Grief Counseling

### Electives: 6 hours

Students will choose two electives from a selection of counseling course options or other courses as approved by an advisor.

### Total Degree Requirements: 60 hours



## Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking graduate admission must have a bachelor's degree with an acceptable grade point average from a college or university accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application
- \$35 application fee (\$100 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Two letters of recommendation
- Goal statement
- Résumé
- Background check
- Interview

*International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.*



### CONTACT US

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## COMBINED DEGREE OPTIONS

Students may choose to pursue a combined degree featuring the Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and a Master of Divinity or Master of Theological Studies through Mercer's School of Theology.

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