

# Master of Science - Clinical Mental Health Counseling

## Plan Description

The Department of Counselor Education, School Psychology & Human Services offers a 60 credit Master of Science (M.S.) – Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Graduates of the M.S. program are eligible to sit for the National Counselor Examination in order to qualify for the National Certified Counselor (NCC) credential.

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, a 60 credits course of study, is designed to train professional counselors for work in a variety of community and mental health settings. Community mental health counselors work in local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private for-profit and non-profit agencies.

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling M.S. degree offers a unique arena for the development of counseling theory and in depth research in issues impacting community and mental health, as well as continuing the development of professional counselors to meet the diverse needs of Southern Nevada, the region, and the nation.

Faculty members in the Department of Counselor Education endeavor to promote excellence in counselor education and counseling research. Our graduate counseling programs prepare students to:

Serve as professional counselors, advocates, and leaders who maximize opportunities for individuals, groups, and communities with a particular emphasis on helping underserved and oppressed client populations;

Address developmental, academic, career, mental health, socio-cultural, and wellness needs of clients seeking counseling;

Help individuals, groups and communities strive to find meaning, involvement, worth, and dignity in their lives;

Engage in action research and program evaluations to further the knowledge base and best practice initiatives of the counseling profession; and

Advocate with local, state, and national organizations to promote client and societal wellbeing.

For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes please visit the Degree Directory.

## Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines

Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website.

The Master of Science - Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree program application requires:

- Transcripts of all college-level work.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.75 for all undergraduate work and a 3.00 for the last two years of undergraduate work is required.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- A writing sample.

Final applicants undergo an extensive/structured personal interview.

Applicants should also refer to the department website.

All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements.

Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

## Plan Requirements

Total Credits Required: 60

## Course Requirements

### Core Courses - Credits: 30

Complete 30 credits by completing all courses below:

CED 701 Introduction to Counseling	3
CED 711 Counseling Appraisal and Inquiry	3
CED 715 Counseling and Consultation Theories	3
CED 721 Career Theories and Practices	3
CED 727 Counseling Process and Procedures	3
CED 731 Social Justice and Advocacy in Counseling	3
CED 733 Introduction to Group Counseling	3
CED 735 Addictions Counseling	3
EPY 702 Research Methods	3
EPY 711 Human Growth and Development	3

### CMHC Specialty Courses - Credits: 21

Complete 21 credits by completing all the courses below:

CED 710 Relationships Through the Lifespan	3
CED 738 Introduction to Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3

CED 766 Psychopathology and Wellness Models in Counseling	3
CED 783 Understanding and Treating Trauma	3
[After] CED 7XX Grief and Loss Counseling	3
[After] CED 7XX: Human Sexuality in Counseling	3
[After] CED 712: Introduction to Relational and Couples Counseling	3

## Clinical / Field Experience Courses - Credits: 9

CMHC Students will take 3 credits of, and must be approved with a grade of B or above in CED 741, before completing 6 credits of CED 751.

CED 741 Practicum	3
CED 751 Internship in Counseling I	1 - 3

## Degree Requirements

All full and part-time students entering into the M.S. program are required to enroll in the following courses during their first fall semester: CED 701 - Introduction to Counseling and CED 727 - Counseling Process and Procedures.

A grade of B or better is required in both CED 701 and CED 727 in order to continue taking coursework in the M.S. program. Students who make a grade of B- or lower (but not an F) in either CED 701 or CED 727 will be placed on probation and may not continue taking other coursework in the M.S. program until successfully repeating these courses. If after a second attempt a student does not make a B or better, the student will be officially separated from the graduate program.

A grade of B or better is required for all internship/field experience courses.

A student receiving a grade of F in any required course in the degree program will be officially separated from the graduate program. Students must repeat any course in which they make a grade of C- or lower. Students making three or more grades of B- or lower will be officially separated from the graduate program. In order to earn the degree, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

Students must successfully complete and pass the final comprehensive exam.

## Plan Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College as well as apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing their degree requirements for the program.

The student must successfully complete and pass the final comprehensive exam.

