

ADMISSIONS

Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Learn about the admissions process for our Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program.

Admissions Requirements

Individuals who wish to enroll in the MA in CMHC program must meet the following admissions requirements. The individual must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The individual must provide their current resume and/or CV. This document should include any relevant clinical experience. The individual must complete a 250-500 word essay on how a degree in clinical mental health counseling aligns with their career goals and must also provide three letters of recommendation. After this information has been provided, the individual must complete an interview with the CMHC Program Director.

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- Three letters of recommendation
Letters of recommendation should come from non-family members. Recommenders may include work colleagues, supervisors, professors or other individuals who know you in a professional capacity. Letters should be no more than one page and should speak to your potential to complete graduate level coursework, your ability to work successfully with others, and any other information that may be of value when considering your potential to become a clinical mental health counselor.
- Essay: How does a degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling fit in to your career goals? (250-500 words)
- Interview with Program Director
- Current resume or CV including any clinical experience

Licensure Information

Educational requirements to become a licensed counselor vary by state. Licensure for professional counselors is not regulated by a national board, but rather by each individual state. It is encouraged that students who desire to become licensed post-graduation contact the state licensing board for the state(s) in which they intend to obtain licensure to determine those specific state requirements.

Students may visit the NC-SARA website to obtain a directory for state licensing boards.

Currently, students who wish to obtain licensure in New Hampshire post-graduation from Franklin Pierce's CMHC program are able to do so, per the most recent 2024 review of the New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification.