

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program

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The following information is related to the MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at Franklin Pierce University. This document will include the following: program overview, required curriculum, course descriptions, admissions requirements, and program costs.

Program Overview

The FPU MA in CMHC program is a 60-credit hour program designed to provide students with the required knowledge, skills, and dispositions to serve as clinical professional counselors. The program has a total of 20 courses; each course is three credit hours. Students can complete the program in as little as 24 months/8 terms. Courses will be completed online in a predominately asynchronous format. In addition, the online coursework, students will be required to complete one five-day intensive per year on the Rindge, NH campus. This intensive is designed to further develop and enhance the skill sets learned during the online courses. During the second year of the program, students will complete a series of field experience courses at a site placement. The field experience courses are designed to provide students with the opportunity to provide counseling services under the supervision of both a faculty supervisor and site supervisor. In addition to providing counseling services, students will be able to gain experience in writing clinical case documentation, developing and implementing treatment plans, and working in an interdisciplinary fashion with other professionals. Students are required to complete a total of 700 hours of field experience.

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.

Program Costs

The program is a total of 60 credit hours. Each credit hour costs \$665.00. 60 credits hours will cost \$39,900.00. Required textbooks will cost an average of \$100.00 per course. The program has 20 courses, which will equal \$2,000.00 total for textbooks. Students will be required to purchase liability insurance and be a member of one professional counseling organization prior to the start of their field experience courses. The average estimated combined cost for insurance and professional membership is \$150.00 for the year. Students will only need to purchase for one year. Additionally, students will be required to attend a total of two five-day face-to-face intensives on the Rindge, NH campus throughout the duration of the program. Students may choose to commute to and from the Rindge campus or they may choose to reside on the campus for the duration of the intensive. Students who wish to reside on campus during the intensive can purchase accommodation packages. The cost of an accommodation package per intensive, including food and housing, is currently \$631.42 per intensive.

MA in CMHC Full-Time Program of Study

Year One

Term One

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 501	Orientation to the Counseling Profession	3
COUN 502	Skills and Techniques in Counseling	3
COUN 503	Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy	3

Term Two

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 504	Multicultural Counseling	3
COUN 505	Counseling Ethics	3
COUN 506	Advanced Counseling Skills	3

Term Three

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 507	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
COUN 508	Developmental Theories and Applications	3
COUN 509	Group Process and Dynamics	3

Term Four

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 510	Mental Health Diagnosis	3
COUN 511	Counseling Families	3
COUN 512	Substance Use and Treatment	3

Year Two**Term One**

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 513	Crisis, Trauma Theory, and Counseling	3
COUN 514	Practicum	3

Term Two

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 515	Appraisal and its Application in Counseling	3
COUN 516	Internship I	3

Term Three

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 517	Applied Research Methods for Counselors	3
COUN 518	Internship II	3

Term Four

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 519	Internship III	3
COUN 520	Career Development and Life Planning	3

MA in CMHC Part-Time Program of Study**Year One****Term One**

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 501	Orientation to the Counseling Profession	3
COUN 502	Skills and Techniques in Counseling	3

Term Two

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 504	Multicultural Counseling	3
COUN 506	Advanced Counseling Skills	3

Term Three

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 508	Developmental Theories and Applications	3
COUN 509	Group Process and Dynamics	3

Term Four

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 510	Mental Health Diagnosis	3
COUN 512	Substance Use and Treatment	3

Year Two**Term One**

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 503	Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy	3
COUN 513	Crisis, Trauma Theory, and Counseling	3

Term Two

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
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COUN 505	Counseling Ethics	3
COUN 515	Appraisal and its Application in Counseling	3

Term Three

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 507	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
COUN 517	Applied Research Methods for Counselors	3

Term Four

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 511	Counseling Families	3
COUN 520	Career Development and Life Planning	3

Year Three**Term One**

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 514	Practicum	3

Term Two

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 516	Internship I	3

Term Three

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 518	Internship II	3

Term Four

Course Number	Course Name	Credit
COUN 519	COUN 519: Internship III	3