

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, MA

The Counseling program is designed for students who aspire to transform schools and communities in the pursuit of social justice through individualized attention to the needs of children, adolescents, and adults. An undergraduate academic major in counseling is not required. Students may choose from degree programs in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and School Counseling. The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program also offers a concentration in College Counseling for those who desire to work in college and university counseling centers.

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program prepares students for work as professional counselors and meets the comprehensive mental health needs of diverse clients. The program satisfies academic requirements for licensure as a professional counselor and clinical professional counselor in the State of Illinois. The program also meets the academic requirements for national certification in mental health counseling (CCMHC) and for national counselor certification (NCC).

Admission

Students are admitted only for the fall term at the Chicago campus. For priority consideration, the deadline to apply is March 1. For regular consideration, the deadline is rolling until two weeks before the start of the fall semester. Applications for all scholarships and graduate assistantships are also due by the priority deadline of March 1.

Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the entirety of their undergraduate course work, a minimum of 120 credit hours at the undergraduate level, a personal statement outlining goals and aspirations, and two letters of recommendation from individuals who can evaluate academic or work abilities. Interviews are by invitation only and are required prior to admission.

Decisions will be based on prior academic performance, current academic performance, the personal statement, letters of recommendation, and an evaluation of professional skills and dispositions.

Requirements

Students working toward the MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling must complete 61 credit hours of graduate study. To qualify for Roosevelt University's recommendation for the Licensed Professional Counselor, all state and program requirements in effect at the time of application must be met, including all clinical experience requirements and passing scores on the Counseling Preparation Comprehensive Exam and The National Counselor Exam.

All graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in their graduate courses, and no grade below C is acceptable for certification or the MA degree. Only two grades of C are allowed toward the MA degree.

At the time of admission, faculty advisors review transcripts and evaluate all course work completed at other colleges or universities. Advising plans are developed, and any needs, deficiencies, or electives are noted. Each student must confer with their assigned advisor before enrolling in the program and during each advising period to ensure that all requirements are being successfully completed.

Students in the traditional CMHC program are required to complete the following courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
CHS 401	PROFESSIONAL ORIENTATION AND ETHICAL PRACTICE IN COUNSELING	3
CHS 406	STATISTICS & RESEARCH METHODS IN COUNSELING	3
CHS 411	SOCIAL & CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS	3
CHS 413	FOUNDATIONS OF COUNSELING THEORY AND PRACTICE	3
CHS 416	HUMAN APPRAISAL	3
CHS 417	CAREER AND LIFE-STYLE PLANNING	3
CHS 421	THEORIES OF GROUP DYNAMICS AND COUNSELING	4
CHS 457	TOPICS/ISSUES IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	3
Practicum & Internship Courses		
CHS 460	PRE-PRACTICUM I: BASIC COUNSELING SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES	3
CHS 463	COUNSELING PRACTICUM	3
CHS 575	INTERNSHIP IN HIGHER ED (2 Full semesters)	6
Specialization Courses		
CHS 422	TOPICS IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTIVE DISORDERS	3
CHS 468	HUMAN SEXUALITY	3
CHS 470	INTRO TO CC & SA	3
CHS 471	CLG STDT DEV:THEORIES & TOP	3
CHS 472	STDT SVCS:PRGMS PLCIES, PRACT	3
CHS 473	ENRLMNT MGMT IN AGE OF DISRUPT	3
CHS 474	HGHR ED LEGAL & FIN ISSUES	3
Electives - 3.0 credits of courses approved by advisor		3
Total Credit Hours		61

Clinical experiences and one elective are required of all Clinical Mental Health students. Applications for practicum and internship courses must be submitted one year in advance of placement and are submitted through the Office of Field Placement.

Electives should be determined in consultation with a faculty advisor. Procedures for Student Performance Reviews, available on the college website, will be followed if students are rejected for clinical placement due to concerns about academic or interview performance.

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

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Year 1

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours	Summer	Credit Hours
CHS 401		3 CHS 406		3 CHS 457	3
CHS 460		3 CHS 411		3 CHS 471	3
CHS 470		3 CHS 472		3	
		9			6

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours	Summer	Credit Hours
CHS 413		3 CHS 416		3 CHS 425	3
CHS 419		3 CHS 422		3 CHS 463	3
CHS 421		4 CHS 462		3	
		10			6

Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours	Summer	Credit Hours
CHS 417		3 CHS 420		3	
CHS 575		3 CHS 575		3	
		6			6

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CHS 419		3 CHS 422		3 CHS 463	3
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Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours	Summer	Credit Hours
CHS 417		3 CHS 420		3	
CHS 599		3 CHS 599		3	
		6			6

Total Credit Hours 61