

COUNSELING MASTER OF SCIENCE: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Department web site (<http://www.drake.edu/counseling/mental/>)

Program Overview

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program prepares students to seek licensure as a licensed Mental Health Counselor in Iowa. It gives students the expertise needed to work in a variety of settings, including agencies, group practices, substance abuse treatment centers, hospitals, residential treatment centers, and employee assistance programs. The 60-credit hour program can be completed in as little as two and a half years.

This program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
COUN 200	INTRODUCTION TO COUNSELING	3
COUN 201	EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH IN COUNSELING	3
COUN 220	CAREER COUNSELING	3
COUN 221	METHODS FOR COUNSELING	3
COUN 224	ASSESSMENT	3
COUN 225	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND LIFE ISSUES	3
COUN 228	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER	3
COUN 236	GROUP PROCEDURES	3
COUN 245	COUNSELING DIVERSE POPULATIONS	3
COUN 250	TRAUMA AND CRISIS COUNSELING	3
COUN 260	COUNSELING PRACTICUM	3
Clinical Mental Health Specialization Courses		
COUN 216	THEORIES AND TECHNIQUES OF COUNSELING	3
COUN 244	DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT PLANNING	3
COUN 246	MEDICAL ASPECTS OF DISABILITY	3
COUN 291	MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING INTERNSHIP	1-9
COUN 298	SELECTED TOPICS	1-3
Counseling Electives		9
Total Hours		53-63

Admission

- Applications for this program are accepted for fall and spring start terms, with the following deadlines. All materials must be postmarked by the identified dates:
 - Spring start-term: September 1
 - Summer and Fall start-term: February 15
- Upon the receipt of transcripts, an advisor will complete a transcript evaluation in order to determine any credit or course substitutions/transfers.

- Questions regarding the application process can be forwarded to the Coordinator of Graduate Admission at soegradadmission@drake.edu or 515-271-2552.

Counseling Admission Requirements

This program has indicated specific statement of interest requirements. This statement of interest replaces the general admission statement of interest required for other programs.

The paper should be a 5-page, double spaced statement of interest in the counseling profession. It should include the following information:

- Educational and professional background
- Career aspirations with a counseling degree
- Experience working with people who are different from you
- What do you think is one of the more prominent or pressing issues in the area of counseling? (school/clinical mental health/rehabilitation)