

COUNSELING—CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING OPTION, M.A.

The M.A. in Counseling with an option in Clinical Mental Health Counseling prepares counselors for positions in community mental health and human service agencies, schools, universities, hospitals, government, business, industry, and independent practice, and provides the academic core courses for licensure. The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at the Department of Counselor Education at NJCU is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling Related and Educational Programs (CACREP).

Graduates of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program meet the academic eligibility requirements for New Jersey Licensed Associate Counselor and are eligible to take the National Counselor Examination.

Code	Title	Credits
Phase I		
COUN 601	Orientation to Professional Counseling and Ethics ¹	3
COUN 603	Counseling and Developmental Psychology Across the Life Span	3
COUN 604	Appraisal and Assessment in Counseling	3
COUN 605	Counseling Theories	3
COUN 606	Research Methodology and Program Evaluation	3
COUN 607	Group Process ¹	3
COUN 608	Counseling Skills	3
COUN 609	Differential Diagnosis of Maladaptive Behavior	3
COUN 610	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
Phase II		
COUN 629	Multicultural Counseling	3
COUN 632	Family and Couple Counseling	3
COUN 636	Group Counseling Theory and Practice	3
COUN 650	Foundations of Addictions Counseling	3
COUN 663	Career Counseling and Development	3
COUN 686	Case Conceptualization and Treatment Planning in Counseling	3
Phase III		
COUN 690	Practicum in Counseling	3
COUN 694	Internship I	3
COUN 695	Internship II	3
COUN TBD	Counseling Elective	3
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Total Credits		60

¹ COUN 601, COUN 605, COUN 607, and COUN 608 must be completed within the first 12 credits, preferably in the first year of study, but no later than the second year.

New students in the M.A. in Counseling Program are admitted to begin study in the *Fall or Spring semesters only*.

Students must be matriculated by the completion of 12 credits with a grade of B or higher in all courses.

The degree map below is an example of one that students may follow. Students are required to meet with their advisor to develop their own degree map during the first semester.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Semester 1		
COUN 605	Counseling Theories	3
COUN 607	Group Process	3
	Credits	6
Semester 2		
COUN 601	Orientation to Professional Counseling and Ethics	3
COUN 603	Counseling and Developmental Psychology Across the Life Span	3
COUN 608	Counseling Skills	3
	Credits	9
Summer 1		
COUN 604	Appraisal and Assessment in Counseling	3
	Credits	3
Summer 2		
COUN 610	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
	Credits	3
Second Year		
Semester 1		
COUN 609	Differential Diagnosis of Maladaptive Behavior	3
COUN 629	Multicultural Counseling	3
COUN 636	Group Counseling Theory and Practice	3
	Credits	9
Semester 2		
COUN 606	Research Methodology and Program Evaluation	3
COUN 686	Case Conceptualization and Treatment Planning in Counseling	3
	Credits	6
Summer 1		
COUN 650	Foundations of Addictions Counseling	3
	Credits	3
Summer 2		
COUN XXX	Elective Course	3
	Credits	3
Third Year		
Semester 1		
COUN 632	Family and Couple Counseling	3
COUN 663	Career Counseling and Development	3
	Credits	6
Semester 2		
COUN 690	Practicum in Counseling	3
COUN XXX	Elective Course	3
	Credits	6

Fourth Year

Semester 1

COUN 694	Internship I	3
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	Credits	3

Semester 2

COUN 695	Internship II	3
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	Credits	3
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	Total Credits	60