



MASTER'S DEGREE IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

FPU BRINGS A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE INTO THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

HYBRID

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FLEXIBLE

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**FINISH IN
24 MONTHS**

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AFFORDABLE

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12 WEEK TERMS

Franklin Pierce University is a leader in innovative teaching and experiential learning. Dedicated to having a positive social and economic impact on its communities, Franklin Pierce University has established the Clinical Masters in Mental Health to support and prepare students to thrive as leaders and caregivers in the field of mental health treatment. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), over 47 million American adults experience mental illness problems annually. You can play an important role in improving the mental health of individuals and reducing the suffering it causes in our communities by earning your online Master of Arts (MA) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) at Franklin Pierce University.

BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD.

With a Clinical Masters in Mental Health degree, you can make direct and immediate impact on individuals, families, and our communities.

WHAT MAKES OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS DIFFERENT?

Our 24-month CACREP aligned program blends online learning sessions with two intensive five day in-person labs and 48 weeks of clinical work.

The program features a combination of coursework and fieldwork and provides a comprehensive framework in counseling theory and clinical methods. It is everything you need to advocate for clients facing addiction, depression, anxiety, trauma, and other mental health challenges.

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PROGRAM OF STUDY CURRICULUM PLAN

Core Requirements: M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

FIRST YEAR

GRADUATE TERM ONE (8/26/24 - 11/16/24)

- COUN501 Orientation to the Counseling Profession
- COUN502 Skills and Techniques in Counseling
- COUN503 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy

GRADUATE TERM TWO (11/18/24 - 3/1/25)

- COUN504 Multicultural Counseling
- COUN505 Counseling Ethics
- COUN506 Advanced Counseling Skills

GRADUATE TERM THREE (3/3/25 - 5/24/25)

- COUN507 Counseling Children and Adolescents
- COUN508 Developmental Theories and Applications
- COUN509 Group Process and Dynamics

GRADUATE TERM FOUR (6/2/25 - 8/23/25)

- COUN510 Mental Health Diagnosis
- COUN511 Counseling Families
- COUN512 Substance Use and Treatment

SECOND YEAR

GRADUATE TERM ONE (AUGUST, 2025 - NOVEMBER, 2025)

- COUN513 Crisis, Trauma Theory, and Counseling
- COUN514 Practicum

GRADUATE TERM TWO (NOVEMBER, 2025 - MARCH, 2026)

- COUN515 Appraisal and its Application in Counseling
- COUN516 Internship I

GRADUATE TERM THREE (MARCH, 2026 - MAY, 2026)

- COUN517 Applied Research Methods for Counselors
- COUN518 Internship II

GRADUATE TERM FOUR (JUNE, 2026 - AUGUST, 2026)

- COUN519 Internship III
- COUN520 Career Development and Life Planning

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/DOCUMENTS

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 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. Three letters are required.
- 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

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CURRICULUM

In accordance with the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) Standards, the Clinical Masters in Mental Health curriculum will cover these core areas:

- Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice
- Social and Cultural Diversity
- Human Growth and Development
- Career Development
- Counseling and Helping Relationships
- Group Counseling and Group Work
- Assessment and Testing
- Research and Program Evaluation

HYBRID CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The hybrid delivery of curriculum uses both synchronous and asynchronous methods for the learner to encourage rich discussion, critical thinking, and problem-based learning. Connect with your professors and peers during live chats.

Breakout sessions enhance learning by keeping groups of students in small numbers. Educational platforms include innovative technology to view pre-recorded lectures, patient simulations, interactive content, work through case studies, and practice question banks.

YOU, AS A STUDENT, HAVE ACCESS 24/7 TO...

- Study groups
- Social hangouts
- Special interest groups
- Coursework and assignments
- Instructional videos
- Online library

STUDENT SUPPORT

You will be assigned a faculty coach. The faculty coach is more than an academic advisor and provides guidance and mentorship throughout the program to ensure student success. Virtual office hours increase access to faculty at convenient times. Responsive faculty provide feedback and answers to emails within 24 hours.

IN-PERSON RESIDENCY

There are in-person clinical rotations.

Practicum – 100 hours with 40 of those to be direct service hours
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Internship I – 200 hours with 80 hours to be direct service hours
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Internship II – 200 hours with 80 hours to be direct service hours
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Internship III – 200 hours with 80 hours to be direct service hours

ON-SITE IMMERSIONS

- Practice skills labs
- Standardized patient experiences
- Validation skills testing
- Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)
- Guest speakers
- Workshops

BASED ON 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

Number of credit hours: 60
Cost per credit: \$665/credit
Residency Course Fees priced separately