Master of Science in Counseling
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

The Master of Science in Counseling with concentration in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is a 60-credit, part-time, degree program for candidates seeking licensure to provide counseling, consultation, mental-health education, and related services to individuals, families, and groups. The program prepares students to implement counseling frameworks that facilitate optimal growth and development.

The Johns Hopkins Advantage

- A CACREP-accredited credential backed by rigorous preparation
- Nationally recognized faculty experts dedicated to empowering future field leaders
- Convenient scheduling for working professionals
- Small class sizes and individual attention of instructors
- Cutting-edge best practices aligned with state and national standards

Program Description

This program provides the required academic credits toward licensure in the state of Maryland, and is designed to meet the needs of students from diverse backgrounds who have a wide range of professional goals. Undergraduate degrees from a variety of disciplines (including communication studies, anthropology, philosophy, education, psychology, and others) are considered for admissions. Candidates gain the knowledge and skills needed to become exceptional counselors and fulfill the academic requirements to be licensed as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) in Maryland and many other states.

Candidates must complete 60 graduate credits within five years and successfully pass the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination prior to or during their final semester. With the approval of the program adviser, a student may transfer a maximum of six graduate credits from an accredited college or university if the course directly aligns to the student's degree requirements and is taken within the five-year time limit. Students complete 600 hours for internship.

Course content includes the following areas: professional orientation and ethical practice; social and cultural diversity; human growth and development; career development; helping relationships; group work; assessment; and research/program evaluation. Students are instructed through didactic experiences, small-group experiences, and applied learning at clinical mental health sites.

The practice of counseling at the master’s level is regulated through licensure monitored by the Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene. Areas of practice include nonprofit, educational, and health care organizations, as well as private practice. Licensed counselors with additional training and experience may also provide clinical supervision, mental health consultation, agency administration, and training.

The School of Education also offers additional advanced certificate programs in counseling, including the 30-credit Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Counseling and the 15-credit Post-Master’s Certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

The Master of Science in Counseling degree program, with concentrations in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling, is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Johns Hopkins School of Education

Established in 2007, the Johns Hopkins School of Education has quickly taken its place as a national leader in education reform through research and teaching. Grounded in the Johns Hopkins tradition of research and innovation, SOE is ranked among the top graduate schools of education in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.
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| Admissions Requirements | Every applicant must complete an online application, plus:  
  - Minimum 3.0 GPA in previous college-level coursework  
  - Official transcripts  
  - Two letters of recommendation  
  - Essay  
  - Resume  
  - If selected, an admissions interview is required  
  - $80 application fee  
  - International applicants or applicants who have earned degrees outside the U.S. or Canada should review the International Students Admissions web page for additional requirements. |

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**How do I complete the required admissions interview?**

If selected and invited for an interview, candidates are required to attend the scheduled interview dates offered in-person in Baltimore, MD, or via Zoom web conferencing. Counseling Admissions group interviews are scheduled by invitation only from the Counseling Department following a preliminary review of a candidate’s completed application.

**Is the GRE required?**

The GRE is not required to apply to this master’s program.

**Can I enroll part-time in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program?**

Yes. Students admitted to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program can enroll on a part-time or full-time basis.

**Where are classes offered?**

Classes are held at the Education Building located on the University’s Homewood Campus, Baltimore, MD.

**Where do I do my practicum?**

It is up to the student to find a practicum/internship site. You can ask for assistance from the experiential learning coordinator.

**Contact Us**

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