

MS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

The Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling program is offered at the Philadelphia PCOM campus only. Courses are offered in the evenings Monday through Thursday, and the program takes two years to complete for full-time students. The program may also be completed on a part-time basis.

The mission of the Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling program is to prepare highly skilled, self-aware, compassionate counselors who provide evidence-based, culturally sensitive, and collaborative treatment using a whole person approach.

Grounded in the cognitive-behavioral tradition, this program trains practitioner-scholars to offer assessment, therapeutic interventions, consultation, program evaluation, and follow-up services using a collaborative integrative approach. Incorporating knowledge of the biopsychosocial model, the program provides a foundation for ethical practice and advocacy that facilitates the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. The program also trains students to work collaboratively in multidisciplinary settings as health service professionals and to engage in self-care and self-reflection.

The program prepares master's level graduates with the attitudes, knowledge, and skills to obtain credentialing as a licensed professional counselor in many states, become advocacy-oriented practitioners, and/or pursue further doctoral training.

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First Year

Term 1		Hours
COUN 501	Theories of Counseling	3
COUN 510	Professional, Legal, & Ethical Issues in Counseling	3
COUN 505	Counseling Skills	3
Hours		9

Term 2		Hours
COUN 507	Social and Cultural Foundations in Counseling	3
COUN 506	Fundamentals of CBT and Suicidology	3
COUN 503	Psychodiagnosis & Psychopharmacology	3
Hours		9

Term 3		Hours
COUN 504	Group Therapy	3
COUN 508	Lifespan Development	3
COUN 512	Intro to Marriage & Family Counseling	3
Hours		9

Second Year

Term 1		Hours
COUN 509	Tests and Measurements	3
COUN 515	Crisis & Trauma Counseling	3
COUN 520	Assessing and Treating Addiction	3
Hours		9

Term 2		Hours
COUN 561	Practicum Seminar	3

COUN 552	Research Methods, Statistics, & Program Evaluation	3
COUN 571	Career and Vocational Counseling	3
Hours		9
Term 3		
COUN 562	Internship I	3
COUN 527	Community Based Interventions	3
COUN 590	Objective Comprehensive Exam	0
COUN 591	Case Conceptualization Comprehensive Exam	0
COUN 593	Comprehensive Exam (Standardized Patient Video)	0
Hours		6
Term 4		
COUN 563	Internship II	3
COUN 565	Capstone Advocacy Project	0
2 Electives (3 credits each)		6
Hours		9
Total Hours		60