

Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling, M.S.

DEPARTMENT

MS in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling, M.S.
MS in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, M.S.
MS in Counseling - School Counseling Option, M.S.
MS in Counseling - Student Affairs & College Counseling Option, M.S.
CRED in Pupil Personnel Services - School Counseling Credential
CRED in Pupil Personnel Services - School Psychologist

REQUIREMENTS

Department of Counselor Education and Rehabilitation

M.S. in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling Requirements

The Master of Science in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling is a 60-unit professional degree program designed for persons who desire to practice in the field of counseling. The degree may qualify graduates for employment in private or agency counseling practices, county mental health programs, employee assistance programs, drug and alcohol abuse centers, and hospital mental health settings. Completion of the M.S. in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling fulfills the educational requirements for the state of California Marriage and Family Therapist License.

Students seeking licensure should contact their program advisor for information regarding licensing. This degree program is designed to meet the requirements of Division 2, Chapter 13, Section 4980.37 of the California Business and Professions Code. The MFCC degree is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Students are qualified to take the National Counselor Exam upon graduation, which is used in the professional counselor licensing process in several states and leads to the National Certified Counselor Credential.

On October 11, 2009, the State of California approved a new mental health counseling license by adopting SB 788: Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), which was sponsored by the American Counseling Association (ACA). It has been approved and signed into law by the Governor. At this time, all coursework required for the LPCC license is offered by the Counselor Education Program. Special advising is required to determine exact coursework and sequencing. This special advising coordinates acquisition of LPCC courses while a student is pursuing one of the specific counseling degrees offered by the department.

Coursework required to meet the educational requirements for licensure as a Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) includes ERE 220; COUN 174, 200, 201, 202, 203, 206, 208, 220, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234A, 234B, 234E, 235, 238, 239, 270, 271, 272, and 273.

Program Requirements

Under the direction of a graduate advisor, each student develops and submits an individually designed program within the following framework:

Core requirements (25 units)

COUN 200, 201, 202, 203, 206, 208, 220; ERE 220

Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling Option (31 units)

COUN 230, 231, 232, 233, 234A, B, C, D, E, 235, 238 (4 units), 239 (6 units)

Culminating experience (4 units)

Choose between (a) 4 units of electives plus comprehensive exam,
(b) COUN 298 Project [3 units] plus 1 unit of elective, or (c) COUN 299 Thesis [3 units] plus 1 unit of elective.

Total (60 units)

Note: (1) Practicum must be completed with a grade of B or better. (2) During the semester that students are enrolled in COUN 208, the Clinical Review Committee of program faculty convenes to evaluate students. The criteria for this evaluation are based on skills and qualities considered appropriate for entry-level counselors. Students may be asked to leave the program

if committee recommendations are not met. Students will not be allowed to advance to candidacy until they pass the clinical review. (3) Students meet the Graduate Writing Requirement by passing the writing component of COUN 206. Please refer to the specific counseling program's Student Handbook for additional information regarding the Graduate Writing Requirement and appeals process.

In compliance with Federal Requirements for Posting Licensure and Certification Eligibility, please see the CSU Chancellor's Office calstate.edu website.

FACULTY

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.