

HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING (NON-CLINICAL)

The Master of Science in Human Services Counseling is designed to provide counseling knowledge and skills to individuals and ministry professionals who desire practical graduate level training for effective intervention and care giving in human service agencies and institutions as well as various church related settings. This program is not designed for individuals seeking licensure in a counseling profession.

Graduates of this program may find themselves working in various community, church and para-church programs as caseworkers, intake specialists, and other roles including providing assistance to state licensed counseling professionals.

Objectives

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the integration of theological principles, healthy spirituality, and effective care giving.
2. Demonstrate human service counseling skills to include basic interviewing methods, active listening characteristics, and career counseling interventions.
3. Demonstrate an advanced understanding of Christian care giving and counseling in diverse social and cultural contexts.
4. Describe unique aspects of development across the life span and conceptualize growth within a framework for understanding human problems from a biopsychosocial and spiritual perspective.
5. Offer guidelines in effectively managing a variety of crises in daily life.
6. Discuss legal, ethical, and professional issues associated with lay ministry and the professional practice of counseling.
7. Provide a basic description of major theoretical approaches in counseling to include marital and family therapy.

Prerequisites

The following prerequisites must be met for acceptance into the Graduate Human Services Counseling program:

1. The student must hold a regionally or professionally accredited undergraduate degree in counseling, psychology, social work, or a related area.
2. Students not having met the aforementioned requirement must successfully complete the following twelve hours of undergraduate courses in Psychology:
 - PSY 1113 Psychology of Selfhood and the Christian Faith
 - PSY 3313 Abnormal Psychology
 - PSY 3333 Theories of Personality
 - PSY 4113 History and Systems in Psychology
3. Students must achieve a minimum score of 143 on the verbal and 3.0 on the analytical writing section on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). This requirement is expected to be met before enrollment into any graduate level course. However, under special circumstances with approval from the Dean of the Graduate School, a student may enroll for one semester taking no more than 12 graduate hours prior to fulfilling the requirement of the GRE. No student will be allowed to enroll for a second semester without fulfilling the GRE requirement. All transfer students are required to meet the GRE requirement before enrollment. (Students who are graduates of SAGU with a 2.5 GPA will be conditionally admitted to the Harrison School of Graduate Studies without taking the GRE. After completing twelve hours of graduate work with GPA of 3.0 or higher, the student would then be accepted into the graduate school.)

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PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT: 27 hours

- COU 5113 Ethical and Legal Issues
- COU 5133 Counseling in a Pluralistic Society
- COU 5213 Methods and Techniques in Counseling
- COU 5413 Marriage and Family Counseling
- PSY 5143 Integration Issues in Behavioral Sciences
- PSY 5323 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- PSY 5413 Personal Lifestyle and Career Development
- PSY 5423 Crisis Intervention
- PSY 5513 Human Growth and Life Span Development

PRACTICUM COMPONENT: 3 hours - 150 Clock hours

- COU 5833 Practicum in Human Services Counseling

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 30

Note: This program is designed primarily for individuals not seeking professional licensure in a counseling profession.

4. Students must submit a three-page handwritten essay describing their interests and objectives along with professional career goals for pursuing a degree in this program. Guidelines for the essay can be obtained by contacting the Graduate Enrollment Counselor.

Formal Program Admittance

By the time a student completes twelve hours in the Harrison School of Graduate Studies, the graduate faculty in Counseling Psychology will complete an evaluation of the student's ability to integrate graduate experience cognitively, clinically, and spiritually. Upon successful completion of this evaluation, students gain formal admittance into the Counseling Psychology academic program.

Graduation Requirements

Students must apply for graduation and successfully pass the Graduate Comprehensive Examinations prior to being approved for graduation from the Registrar's Office. Application for graduation must be made by the end of late registration in the semester in which the student anticipates to graduate. In order to qualify for a specific graduation date, graduating students must have all program and course requirements completed. Contact the Graduate Studies Office and Registrar's Office for more information.

Special Insurance Requirement

All students enrolled in Human Services Counseling courses that involve student counseling, particularly practicum, are required to purchase and show proof of having liability insurance. Contact the Graduate Chair of the Counseling Psychology program for additional information.