

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

Admission Requirements

Admissions to the Master of Arts in Education in School Counseling and the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

The minimum program admissions requirements - based on those of the Graduate School - are a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution and a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. If an applicant does not have an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher, then one of the following must be met:

1. The individual's undergraduate GPA in the final 60 credits of their degree must be a 3.25 or higher, or
2. The individual must submit Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

If an applicant needs to submit GRE scores, then the program maintains the following minimum requirements of these scores and at least one of them must be met:

1. A score of 146 or higher on the verbal section of the GRE.
2. A score of 146 or higher on the quantitative section of the GRE.

The applicant must also submit additional application materials as described on the counseling program area website at <https://www.eku.edu/c> (<https://coecounseling.eku.edu/clinical-mental-health-master-arts-ma-program-description/>)tp/cou/how-apply (<https://www.eku.edu/ctp/cou/how-apply/>). Applicants who meet all of the above requirements must attend a virtual group admissions interview.

Additionally, the Counselor Education Program requires a state criminal history background check approved* by the College of Education and Applied Human Sciences as a condition of admission. Under certain circumstances, a national criminal background check may be required as a condition of admission. An additional state criminal background check approved* by the College of Education and Applied Human Sciences is required prior to beginning off campus internship courses (COU 880, COU 881) or may be required at additional points in the program. Under certain circumstances, a national criminal background check may be required. Students must purchase professional liability insurance prior to enrollment in any clinical practice class including COU 846, COU 820, COU 880, and COU 881. Further, that insurance coverage must be maintained throughout enrollment in the graduate program in any class that includes clinical applications.

*"Approved" is a formal review process of the criminal records report.

Any misrepresentation of facts, by omission or addition, may result in the denial of admission to the Counselor Education Program or enrollment in off campus externship courses.

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 51.1508

Code	Title	Hours
Major Requirements		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
COU 803	Prin & Prac of Mental Hlth Cou	3
COU 804	Counseling Diverse Populations	3
COU 813	Prof Orient & Ethics in Course ¹	3
COU 820	Group Counseling	3
COU 822	Lifestyle & Career Counseling	3
COU 840	Counseling Theory and Practice ¹	3
COU 846	Process and Basic Tech Counsel ¹	3
COU 848	Child & Adolescent Counseling	3
COU 849	Addiction Disorders Counseling	3
COU 850	Family Counseling	3
COU 855	Diagnosis & Treatment Counsel	3
COU 863	Crisis and Grief Counseling	3
COU 880	Counseling Practicum:_____	3
COU 881	Internship in Counseling:_____ ^{2,3}	6
COU 816	Tests and Measurements	3
COU 839	Human Growth & Development	3
COU 869	Research & Program Evaluation	3
Electives		
Choose from six hours of the following approved electives: (Additional electives may be selected with advisor approval.)		6
COU 807	Counseling: _____	
COU 814	Admin & Cnslttn in Cnslng Srvc	
COU 825	Dvlpmntl COU w/ Schl Age Child	
COU 826	Assessment in Counseling	
COU 827	Indiv Assess. of Intelligence	
COU 853	Cou Process/Clinical Sexuality	
COU 854	Sustainable Self-Care	
COU 856	Pract in Intellect Assessment	
COU 865	Mindfulness Pract Couns & Clie	
COU 870	Intro to Play Therapy	
COU 871	Advanced Play Therapy	
COU 872	Practicum in Play Therapy	
COU 881	Internship in Counseling:_____ ³	
COU 885	Clinical Supervision of COU	
COU 891	Advanced Counseling Theories	
COU 892	Leadrshp & Social Justice Adv	
COU 893	Scholarship and Pub in COU Ed	
COU 894	Teaching in Counselor Ed	
COU 895	Advanced Clinical Supervision	
Exit Requirements		
GRD 877J or GRD 878S	MA M/Health Cnslng Written MA M/Health Cnslng Oral Comp	0
Total Hours		60

¹ Course Sequence: COU 813 Prof Orient & Ethics in Course, COU 840 Counseling Theory and Practice, and COU 846 Process and Basic Tech Counsel must be taken in semester sequence or as a corequisite.

² 6-9 hours of internship is taken over 2-3 semesters

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³ Any credit hours taken above the 6 required hours of COU 881 Internship in Counseling; ____ will count toward elective hours.

A grade of B or higher is required in every course for degree completion for the M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program.