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M.S. Degree in Mental Health Counseling
Quality training convenient for working professionals
M.S. in Mental Health Counseling

The master's degree program in mental health counseling is designed for the continued professional development of people who currently serve, or will serve, their communities in various counseling capacities. Master's degree training is based on a model of interdisciplinary collaboration, prevention of dysfunction, and direct service. The field of mental health counseling has placed professionals in mental health settings, business and industry, substance abuse clinics, hospices, hospitals, educational settings, and private practice. The Center for Psychological Studies is firmly committed to the mission of training competent professionals who will design and implement prevention and treatment programs and provide direct counseling services. The coursework provides broad-based training. The mental health counselor will be called on to respond to an increasingly diverse population of citizens and to numerous issues facing our culture, such as substance abuse, family violence, divorce, aging, and general population problems.

Program Format

Main Campus in Fort Lauderdale. The master's degree program in mental health counseling at the main campus is organized in a traditional semester format. Classes meet once a week during the fall and winter semesters and twice a week during the summer semester. Courses are typically scheduled in the late afternoon and evening, Monday through Thursday. Applicants should note that course schedules vary and the curriculum cannot be completed in evening hours only.

Student Educational Centers

The off-campus mental health counseling program is offered at the Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Tampa, and West Palm Beach student educational centers. The field-based format is often referred to as a weekend format. The program offers intensive courses with Web enhancements one weekend per month. A weekend consists of Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday. Courses for a given cluster of students are offered one at a time (except during practicums) and are scheduled from August through June. Each course is offered once for each cluster during the course of the three-year program. Admitted students must begin the program with the first scheduled course offered for their cluster.

Online

The master's degree in mental health counseling program can be completed entirely online. Online students may complete the practicum at approved sites in their communities.
Mental Health Counseling Curriculum
60 semester hours

• Counseling Theories and Practice
• Research and Evaluation for Counselors
• Introduction to Mental Health Counseling Technique
• Human Growth and Development
• Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues for Counselors
• Human Sexuality
• Diagnosis and Treatment of Adult Psychopathology
• Diagnosis and Treatment of Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
• Psychological Testing for Individual Evaluation
• Substance Abuse
• Career and Lifestyle Assessment
• Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling
• Group Theory and Practice
• Couples and Family Counseling Strategies
• Community Mental Health
• Case Conceptualization and Treatment Strategies
• Advanced Treatment Interventions
• Counseling Practicum I
• Counseling Practicum II
• Counseling Practicum III

All students must make the necessary arrangements to complete a practicum at a selected site.

Licensure

Effective January 1, 2001, the state of Florida enacted new legislation (Chapter 491, Florida Statutes) that governs licensure requirements for mental health counselors. Applicants interested in licensure should request, in writing, a copy of licensure requirements from the Department of Health, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling, Medical Quality Assurance, 4052 Bold Cypress Way, Bin=C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, or call (850) 245-4474. Individual eligibility must be verified periodically through careful review of state licensure regulations, which are subject to change.
Admission Information Sessions

The Center for Psychological Studies hosts information sessions and open houses throughout the year at our main campus in the Greater Fort Lauderdale area and at our Student Educational Centers in Jacksonville, Miami, Tampa, Orlando, and West Palm Beach. If you would like the dates and times of the next information sessions near you, please contact us.

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Jacksonville (904) 245-8910 www.nova.edu/sec/jacksonville
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Orlando (407) 264-5601 www.nova.edu/sec/orlando
Tampa (813) 393-4990 www.nova.edu/sec/tampa
West Palm Beach (561) 622-7018 www.nova.edu/sec/wpb

For more information, return the attached card or call 800-541-6682, ext. 25790.

For a detailed description of the course content, a faculty list, and proposed start dates, visit our Web site at www.cps.nova.edu.

Yes, please send me an application and more information on the master of science degree in mental health counseling.

Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City __________________________________ State _______ ZIP _______
Telephone: Home ( ) Work ( )
Email ______________________________
Current position ______________________________
Highest degree earned ______________________________

I am interested in this program offered at the following locations (check all that apply):

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☐ Jacksonville
☐ Miami
☐ Tampa
☐ Online
☐ West Palm Beach

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As Florida's largest independent university, Nova Southeastern University has a strong reputation for academic excellence and qualified faculty members dedicated to training, research, and service.

Located on a beautifully landscaped campus near Fort Lauderdale, NSU offers a variety of degree programs in subjects such as psychology, education, oceanography, computer and information sciences, humanities and social sciences, law, business, medicine and allied health, and undergraduate studies.

NSU is well known for innovation and quality in both traditional and distance education. The university serves adult students and a growing population of traditional undergraduates. Currently, more than 27,000 students attend NSU and are pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. More than 100,000 alumni are meeting the challenges of their professions and serving their clients and communities with distinction in a wide range of career fields.

Notices of Nondiscrimination and Accreditation

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sexual orientation, and national or ethnic origin.

- The Ph.D. and Psy.D. programs in clinical psychology are accredited by the American Psychological Association. The Psychology Services Center Internship Program is also accredited by the American Psychological Association (Committee on Accreditation, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002-4242. Telephone number 202-336-5979).

Additionally, the Center for Psychological Studies sponsors the Consortium Internship Program, which is a member in good standing of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097. Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate's, bachelor's, masters, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

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