Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling

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A master's degree program designed for the working professional
The Master of Science Program in Mental Health Counseling is designed to provide access to quality higher education and continued professional development to persons who currently serve or who will serve in one or more of a variety of counseling capacities.

Nova’s School of Psychology

The School of Psychology is dedicated to providing the highest quality education to its students, superior mental health services to the community, and research contributions to the mental health sciences.

In addition to the master’s program the school has two A.P.A. approved doctoral programs in Clinical Psychology, and a Post-Doctoral Institute of Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy as well as a variety of Continuing Education programs.

The Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling

The Master of Science Program in Mental Health Counseling offers a quality curriculum designed to train counselors who will work with a wide variety of the personal and social problems facing both the individual and society. The training of competent professionals who will design and implement prevention and treatment programs and provide direct services in various settings is the mission of the School of Psychology’s Master’s program.
Main Campus Format

All courses are offered in the traditional semester format. The fall and spring semesters run for 15 weeks each, the summer session is eight weeks long (May-June).

Field-Based Format

The field-based format is available at nine locations across the State of Florida. The field-based format features intensive weekend classes (approximately one long weekend per month) at a convenient location in each of the following areas:

- Clearwater
- Coral Springs
- Fort Myers
- Gainesville
- Jacksonville
- Melbourne
- Miami
- Orlando
- West Palm Beach

Admission Requirements

In order for your candidacy for admission to be considered, you must hold at minimum a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Other admission requirements are listed in the application instructions.

Applicant files will be assessed for professional and academic aptitude for graduate study in mental health counseling. An interview and/or additional documentation may be required for the purpose of screening or academic advisement.

Admitted applicants will be required to fulfill requirements for degree candidacy (matriculation).

Curriculum

Forty-eight semester hour credits are required in this degree program, totaling 16 courses (14 required and 2 elective). Each course carries three semester hours
of credit, distributed as follows:

Required Courses:
- Counseling Theories & Practice
- Counseling Skills Lab I
- Research & Evaluation for Counselors
- Human Development & Learning
- Ethical, Legal, & Professional Issues for Counselors
- Abnormal Psychology
- Human Sexuality
- Psychological Testing for Individual Evaluation
- Counseling Strategies for Individuals
- Group Theory & Practice
- Personality Theories
- Counseling Skills Lab II
- Counseling Practicum I
- Counseling Practicum II

Elective Courses:
(two will be selected from the following)
- Career Development
- Principles of Counseling and Guidance
- Marriage & Family Counseling
- Aging I
- Aging II
- School Guidance Practicum
- Behavioral Counseling
- Substance Abuse
- Psychology of Women
- Community Mental Health

Expenses
Most courses for the Master's degree carry three semester hours of credit. Expenses are based on each credit hour of instruction with additional fees for the initial application, registration, and books. The cost of books and other instructional materials will vary from course to course, but a typical range is from $40.00 to $70.00 per course.

Financial Aid Is Available
For further information contact the Office of Student Financial Aid (1-800-541-NOVA, ext. 7411 or 305-475-7411). Be sure to file all paperwork early to allow for the two-month minimum processing time.
Yes, please send me more information about the Master of Science Program in Mental Health Counseling, including application material.

I am interested in taking classes at the following location:
(Check one)
- Main Campus (Ft. Lauderdale)
- Clearwater
- Coral Springs
- Ft. Myers
- Gainesville
- Jacksonville
- Melbourne
- Miami
- Orlando
- West Palm Beach
- Other: _____________________________

Name _______________________________________

Telephone _________________________________
(Home) _____________________________ (Work)

Address __________________________________

City _______________________________________

State_________________________ Zip __________

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