

MASTER OF ARTS in COUNSELING

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIZATION (SIOUX FALLS COHORT)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Counselor Education Program at the University of South Dakota is to graduate competent and ethical professional counselors. The MA in Counseling with the Clinical Mental Health specialization is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP) under the 2001 standards for Community Counseling. The accreditation runs until March 31, 2016. The CACREP 2009 standards combine the Community Counseling and Mental Health Counseling standards into standards for Clinical Mental Health Counseling programs. The counseling program intends to seek accreditation for this program as a Clinical Mental Health Counseling program when it comes up for reaccreditation, per CACREP guidelines.

The 60 credit hour specialization provides curricular and extracurricular experiences, as well as, supervised practica and internships, to educate and train professional clinical mental counselors. Clinical mental health counselors must demonstrate proficiencies related to the mental health environment such as etiology, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and the prevention of mental and emotional disorders. Clinical mental health counselors work in settings such as agency/community mental health centers, private practice, correctional facilities, career centers, hospital and other medical centers, government/military entities, college campuses, and crisis centers.

DELIVERY METHOD

This degree is offered by the University of South Dakota in collaboration with South Dakota State University. The entire program is delivered at University Center in Sioux Falls, SD using a cohort model where students complete the program as a cohesive group.

TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date tuition information, please visit: www.sduuniversitycenter.org/Tuition_Rates_265.htm

NON-DEGREE PURSUANT STATUS

To experience the University of South Dakota as a non-degree pursuant student, the University offers graduate students the option of learning under a non-degree pursuant classification. Up to nine credit hours earned as a non-degree pursuant student may be applied to a graduate degree from USD at the discretion of the academic department.

Please note: Enrollment in a course does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Enrolling as a non-degree pursuant student is easy. Simply complete the online registration form at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration> during the registration session open to the public.

GETTING STARTED

Prospective graduate students may apply through the Graduate School at www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm.

The Graduate School forwards completed application to the appropriate academic department for review. The department will then recommend the admission status of the applicant to the Dean of the Graduate School, who will make the final decision on admission. Students may be accepted to the University of South Dakota Graduate School with full or provisional admission.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Counseling Program and the Graduate School require a two step admission process:

Step 1: Applicants must submit the following material to the Graduate School and, at minimum, must meet the criteria below.

- Earned bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. The average grade point of the typical accepted student is over a 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale.
- The GRE General test is required. The average GRE score of the typical accepted student is over 900.
- Completed application form found at: www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm
- \$35 non-refundable application fee
- Three letters of recommendation
- Three supplemental recommendation forms
- Personal statement of professional goals
- Two official transcripts from each institution of higher learning attended

Step 2: Upon review by the Counseling faculty, applicants who meet the preceding criteria for admission will be selected for an on campus interview at University Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

*** If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 Fax: 605-677-3172 E-mail: disabilityservices@usd.edu**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit www.usd.edu/cde/sioux-falls.cfm or contact:

University Center
4801 N Career Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
605-367-5640 or 866-220-7085
www.SDUniversityCenter.org

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE ROTATIONS

Summer 2010

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
COUN 755	Human Development & Psych. Inter.	3	UC
CHRD 661	Theories of Counseling	3	UC

Fall 2010

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
*EDER 761	Graduate Research & Design	3	Online
*COUN 786	Pre-Practicum	3	UC

Spring 2011

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
*COUN 738	Childhood through Adulthood Psychopathology for Mental Health Professionals	3	UC
CHRD 742	Career Counseling	3	UC

Summer 2011

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
COUN 736	Appraisal Procedures in Counseling	3	UC
*COUN 743	Brief Counseling Approaches w/ Substance Use-Related Problems	3	Online
CHRD 731	Multicultural Counseling & HR	3	UC

Fall 2011

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
*COUN 766	Group Counseling	3	UC
CHRD 713	Administration & Management of Mental Health Organizations	3	UC

Spring 2012

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
*COUN 790	Seminar: Law and Ethics	3	UC
COUN 725	Family Therapy in Clinical Mental Health Settings	3	UC

Summer 2012

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
COUN 737	Diagnosis & Intervention in Counseling	3	UC
*COUN 744	Counseling Approaches to Alcoholism	3	Online
*COUN 745	Counseling Approaches to Licit & Illicit Drugs	3	Online

Fall 2012

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
*COUN 795	Practicum: Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3	UC
*COUN 515	Counseling Children & Adolescents	3	TBA

Spring 2013

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
*COUN 794	Internship: Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3	Elluminate

Summer 2013

Course/No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Site
*COUN 740	Psychopharmacology for the Non-Medical Mental Health Professional	3	Online

*Indicates unique USD program requirement

• Courses with CHRD prefix are offered by SDSU

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