

Clinical Mental Health Counseling M.S.

The graduate plan in Clinical Mental Health Counseling leads to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree. Students seeking this degree are seeking preparation for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Texas.

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling plan requires a minimum of 60 hours.

The opportunity to complete the academic requirements for the CMHC is restricted to students admitted to the counseling program. Students who are not degree seeking, but seeking licensure, may enroll in counseling courses with prior approval of the program coordinator. In each case, students must meet the stated course prerequisites and space must be available in the course.

Admission Requirements

Students who meet the graduate admissions requirements to the College of Education (COE) (see [Graduate Admissions Requirements](#)) must meet additional requirements prior to applying for candidacy to the CMHC program. Counseling applications are available on the COE Web site at <https://www.uhcl.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/how-to-apply>. Each application for candidacy must include the following:

1. completed application form;
2. brief essay (500 words maximum) stating the student's career goals and reasons for application;
3. documentation of completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or MAT if last 60 undergraduate hours GPA is less than 3.0;
4. official transcripts from all universities attended. The last 60 hours, including the full semester in which the 60th hour appears, will be used to calculate the grade point average (GPA);
5. three professional recommendation forms;
6. applicant self-rating sheet; and
7. current resume.

Applicants who submit properly completed applications may be invited to participate in a structured interview. The admissions process is conducted during the fall and spring semesters of each year. Application forms and instructions may be obtained in the COE Office of Academic Advising. Questions about the content of the application packet and process should be directed to the COE Office of Academic Advising. Applicants are solely responsible for ensuring that their packets containing the completed application forms, essays, supporting transcripts, documented GRE or MAT scores (if necessary), recommendation forms, and self-rating sheet are received by the COE Office of Academic Advising on or before the deadline: September 1 for spring entry and March 1 for fall entry. If the application deadline falls on a weekend or a university holiday, applications will be accepted before the close of business on the following work day. Faxes and late applications will not be accepted.

Selected applicants will be contacted the via e-mail address provided on their application to schedule an interview with the admissions

committee. If admitted to the CMHC program, students must attend a mandatory orientation.

Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission.

Check prerequisites before enrolling in any course.

Grades for all courses must be B- or higher.

Requirements

Required Courses (45 hours):

COUN 5131	Counseling for Lifespan Development Credit Hours: 3
COUN 5231	Professional Orientation to Counseling Credit Hours: 3
COUN 5234	Career Development and Counseling Credit Hours: 3
COUN 5432	Theories of Counseling Credit Hours: 3
COUN 5433	Counseling Ethics and Consultation Credit Hours: 3
COUN 5535	Systems Counseling Credit Hours: 3
COUN 5536	Addictions Counseling Credit Hours: 3
COUN 5630	Abnormal Human Behavior Credit Hours: 3
COUN 6030	Multicultural Foundations for Counselors Credit Hours: 3
COUN 6033	Research Design and Analysis for Counselors Credit Hours: 3
COUN 6232	Assessment Issues for Counselors Credit Hours: 3
COUN 6435	Pre-Practicum in Counseling Credit Hours: 3
COUN 6531	Mental Health and Psychopathology Credit Hours: 3
COUN 6532	Group Counseling Credit Hours: 3

COUN 6533	Crisis Intervention Credit Hours: 3
Electives (6 hours):	
See Faculty Adviser to select electives.	
Capstone experience (9 hours):	
COUN 6639	Counseling Practicum I Credit Hours: 3
COUN 6738	CMHC Practicum II Credit Hours: 3
COUN 6838	CMHC Practicum III Credit Hours: 3
Additional Information	
All placement sites must have an approved UHCL Agreement of Affiliation on record with the Center for the Professional Development of Teachers office prior to beginning the practicum.	