University of New Mexico

Counselor Education Program
Welcome and Thank You
Counselor Education is one of four IFCE programs along with 

- Educational Psychology
- Family and Child Studies
- Nutrition

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Purpose and Aspirations

The Counselor Education Program is committed to promoting excellence and diversity in:

• Teaching

• Scholarship

• Community service

We work to improve and foster optimal potential for individuals, families, and our communities through an understanding of:

• Human development

• Psychological health
Program Features

Integration of

Theory
Research
Practice
Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Classes are offered in a mix of methods: face-to-face, remote (synchronous video), and online (asynchronous)

Morning, afternoon, and early evening classes

Nine credit hours is considered full time

Three years on average for completion of MA
PROGRAM DEGREES OFFERED

MASTERS OF ARTS

• SCHOOL COUNSELING
  • School counselors assist students elementary to postsecondary levels. They advocate for students and work with other individuals and organizations to promote the academic, career, personal, and social development of children and youth.

• CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
  • Clinical mental health counselors work with individuals, families, and groups to address and treat mental and emotional disorders and to promote mental health.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

• COUNSELOR EDUCATION and SUPERVISION
  • Doctoral recipients work in diverse settings including higher education, community mental health, schools, and other professional settings. They are trained in counseling, teaching, research, and supervision of counseling services. They apply their education to helping people, organizations, and communities.
Time Commitment

Single track MA—clinical mental health or school: 3 years on average

Dual track MA—clinical mental health and school: 4 years on average

PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision: 4 years on average
MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Graduate School Application

• Application fee ($60.00) non-refundable
• International Application fee ($70.00) non-refundable
• Complete and submit application and residency form
• Submit one official transcript from every institution attended
• Three references with email contacts
  • Referees will receive requests via email
  • References submitted via the university’s online system
For a complete MA application

• Three references must be received directly online from referees

• Unofficial UNM transcript (if applicant attended UNM)

• Letter of intent and program application

• Submitted online through the Office of Graduate Studies

• Deadlines: August 15th for spring admission and January 15th for fall

• Recommended to complete submission at least **two weeks before** deadline for administrative review
MA REQUIREMENT:
60 credit hours for single track

COUN 510 Professional Orientation and Ethics
COUN 517 Theories of Counseling and Human Behavior
COUN 518 Group Counseling
COUN 584 Multicultural Issues in the Helping Professions
COUN 513 Career Counseling
COUN 516 Crisis, Disaster, and Trauma Counseling
COUN 577 Substance Use and Abuse
COUN 581 Sexuality in Counseling and Psychotherapy
COUN 515 Testing and Assessment in Counseling
COUN 576 Diagnosis of Mental Disorders
COUN 522 Communication Skills in Counseling
COUN 590 Practicum in Counseling
COUN 519 Group Counseling Internship
COUN 595 Internship (6 credit hours per track)
FS 503 Seminar in Human Growth and Development or EDPY 503 Principles of Human Development
EDPY 500 Survey Research Methods in Education or EDPY 505 Conducting Quantitative Educational Research
EDPY 502 Survey of Statistics in Education or EDPY 511 Introductory Educational Statistics

School Track:
COUN 545 School Counseling
COUN 541 Counseling Children and Adolescents

Clinical Mental Health Track:
COUN 521 Clinical Mental Health Counseling
COUN 560 Family Counseling
Manzanita Counseling Center

- On-campus training clinic for clinical mental health MA students and PhD students
- A community outreach program provided by the University of New Mexico Counselor Education Program
- In existence for over 25 years
PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIP

- COUN 590 PRACTICUM IN COUNSELING
  - Practicum requires 40 hours of direct service; 60 hours of indirect service
  - CMH students at Manzanita; school students at school sites; dual students at both
  - Day and evening hours may be required

- COUN 595 Internship (two semesters per track)
  - 600 hours of service over two semesters
  - 240 hours of direct service
  - Dual track students complete four semesters totaling 1200 hours

- COUN 519 Group Counseling Internship
Professional Identity Development

- **Clinical Mental Health**
  - American Counseling Association (ACA)
  - American Mental Health Counselor Association (AMHCA)

- **School Counseling**
  - American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

- **Honor Society**
  - Chi Sigma Iota: Upsilon Nu Mu
• Be assured of the quality of your academic program

• Research shows CACREP graduates perform better on the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE)

• Streamlines the licensure application process

• CACREP programs have been reviewed against professionally approved standards
Professional Opportunities
THANK YOU

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