



Professional Counseling Program Degree Plans

[Degree Plans Effective Fall 2021]
(PR = Prerequisite, CO = Corequisite)

MASTER OF ARTS, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING					
Degree Concentrations	Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CACREP)	Marriage, Couple, & Family Counseling (CACREP)	School Counseling (CACREP)	School Counseling Certificate	Course is a prerequisite for:
LEVEL 1: FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (No prerequisites—can be taken in any order)					
COUN 5301* : Professional Counseling Orientation	✓	✓			*CPCE 5354
COUN 5328 : Professional Orientation in School Counseling			✓	✓	5354, 5338
COUN 5305* : Assessment in Counseling	✓	✓	✓	✓	*CPCE
COUN 5307* : Theories of Counseling & Personality	✓	✓	✓	✓	*CPCE 5354
COUN 5316* : Counseling Diverse Populations	✓	✓	✓	✓	*CPCE 5351,60,66,70,73
COUN 5344 : Substance Abuse & Counseling	✓		✓		
COUN 5350* : Advanced Counselor Ethics	✓	✓	✓	✓	*CPCE 5354
COUN 5355* : Career Counseling	✓	✓	✓	✓	*CPCE
COUN 5359 : Psychopathology in CMHC	✓	✓	✓		5360, 5366, 5370, 5373
COUN 5367 : Marital & Family Counseling Current Theories	✓	✓	✓		5351, 5360, 5372
COUN 5368* : Developmental Issues Counseling	✓	✓	✓	✓	*CPCE 5369, 5338
COUN 5391* : Research Methods	✓	✓	✓	✓	*CPCE
LEVEL 2: INTERMEDIATE COURSES (Have prerequisites/co-requisites. Graduate Catalog lists effective dates)					
COUN 5354* : Basic Counseling Skills & Abnormal Behavior – PR 5307, 5350; CO 5301 (CMHC/MCFC) or 5328 (SC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	*CPCE 5358, 5369, 5360 5366, 5370, 5373
COUN 5358* : Group Counseling – CO 5354	✓	✓	✓	✓	*CPCE 5689
COUN 5369 : Child and Adolescent Counseling – CO 5354, PR 5368	✓	✓	✓	✓	5360, 5370, 5373, 5689

	CMHC	MCFC	SC	SCert	
COUN 5351: Current Issues in Marriage, Couple, & Family Therapy – PR 5316, 5367		✓			
COUN 5372: Assessment & Treatment in Marriage & Family Counseling – PR 5367		✓			
COUN 5338: Advanced Issues in School Counseling – PR 5316, 5328, 5368			✓	✓	
ELECTIVE (3 credit hours) Counseling/related	✓				
CLINICAL SEQUENCE (These courses must be taken in sequence, in separate semesters)					
	(CMHC Track: Choose ONE IM Course to Take)	(MCFC Track: Take 5360 only)	(SC Track: 5370 & 5373 in any order)	(SC Cert: Take 5373)	
COUN 5360: Intermediate Methods in MCFC – PR 5316, 5354, 5367; CO(or earlier) 5359; CO 5369		✓			Clinical Practicum 5689
COUN 5366: Intermediate Methods in Adult Counseling – PR 5316, 5354; CO(or earlier) 5359	✓				Clinical Practicum 5689
COUN 5370: Intermediate Methods in Counseling Adolescents – PR 5316, 5354, 5369; CO/early5359	✓		✓		Clinical Practicum 5689
COUN 5373: Intermediate Methods in Play Therapy – PR 5316, 5354, 5369; CO/early 5359	✓		✓	✓	Clinical Practicum 5689
COUN 5689: Clinical Practicum – PR 5358, PR 5369; Pass the CPCE, and Pass at least one IM listed within the concentration	✓	✓	✓	✓	5389 (Internship 1)
COUN 5389 (1): Site-Based Internship – PR 5689	✓	✓	✓	✓	5389 (Internship 2)
COUN 5389 (2): Site-Based Internship – PR 5389	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	
TOTAL HOURS					
	60 hours	60 hours	60 hours	48 hours	

Fall 2021 PR/CO Updates bolded: COUN 5369 added as a co-requisite for COUN 5360, meaning both can be taken in the same semester (5369 can also be taken in an earlier semester if schedule allows). COUN 5369 added as a prerequisite for COUN 5689, meaning all students across all three tracks/concentrations need to have taken 5369 prior to enrolling in Clinical Practicum.

Note that COUN 5359 is listed as a corequisite for all four Intermediate Methods (IM) classes, meaning 5359 can be taken in the same semester as an IM class at the latest, but you can also choose to take 5359 in any semester prior to enrolling in an IM course. Similarly, COUN 5358 can be taken concurrently with COUN 5354, or COUN 5354 can be taken in a semester prior to enrolling in COUN 5358. COUN 5369 and COUN 5354 can be taken together but cannot be taken at the same time as an IM course that allows 5369 to be taken concurrently (i.e., COUN 5360).

See next page for Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE) recommendations and planning for Clinical Sequence:

***CPCE >** These courses are covered on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE) and should be taken prior to testing for the CPCE.

It is to your advantage to have most of Level 1 classes complete before moving to Level 2 to be prepared for the Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) and to complete the prerequisite courses for Level 2 classes. Many students apply for and take the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) during the semester they are enrolled in Intermediate Methods, or in the semester prior to Intermediate Methods. You must pass the CPCE to gain enrollment in COUN 5689 Clinical Practicum. See the Student handbook and program CPCE webpage for more information about the CPCE, and to determine when you would be eligible to test.

During the Intermediate Methods semester, you must apply for admission to COUN 5689 Clinical Practicum. Application announcements will be sent through the student listserv and posted on the program webpage. COUN 5389 Site based Internship also requires an application for section assignment.

When planning your courses each semester, please be aware that you can begin the clinical sequence while still completing required course work but is ideal to plan the clinical courses to be taken one right after another to ensure you are building and strengthening your clinical skills from semester to semester, without extensive semester breaks in between clinical classes.



The clinical sequence consists of the following courses. Each must be taken in this order and each in separate semesters:

COUN 5354, *Basic Counseling Skills*

While enrolled, begin to explore Practicum groups and Internship sites - see Clinical Experience Canvas site.

COUN 5360/5366/5370/or 5373, *Intermediate Methods with specialized populations*

See degree plan; IM course MUST be taken prior to COUN 5689 and will determine the types of clients seen in Clinical Practicum. While enrolled, apply for COUN 5689 Clinical Practicum; secure Practicum group; pass the CPCE; continue to explore Internship sites for future placement.

COUN 5689, *Clinical Practicum*

While enrolled, apply for the first semester of COUN 5389 Site Based Internship (required of all degree tracks); Secure Internship site placement for the next semester.

COUN 5389, *Site Based Internship I*

While enrolled in first semester of COUN 5389, apply for the second semester of internship (only applicable to CMHC and MCFC degree tracks). SC degree track students apply for graduation in this semester, if completing all hours.

COUN 5389, *Site Based Internship II*

While enrolled in second (final) semester of COUN 5389, apply for graduation through the Graduate College. If internship hours are not completed in the second semester of Internship, an application for a third semester of internship must be submitted to the Practicum/Internship Coordinator. Reapply for graduation in semester internship hours will be completed.