

# MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (MA)

All application materials for the Counseling Psychology Graduate Program are due by April 30th. The MACP program only admits students in the Fall. To be considered for admission to the Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology Program, the student must complete the following requirements before April 30.

1. Have earned a 3.00 GPA in the upper-level courses of undergraduate preparation.
2. Have three letters of recommendation from academic sources sent to the Department of Psychology and Communication.
3. Have a bachelor's degree and have satisfactorily completed the following prerequisite courses with a "B" or greater: PSYC 3302, PSYC 4301, PSYC 4303, and PSYC 4308.
4. Have submitted scores for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test.
5. Submit a criminal background check between February 1 and April 30.
6. Have completed a personal interview with the Counseling Psychology Graduate Admissions Committee.

Personal interviews will be conducted during the month of May.

Students accepted for admission to the Counseling Psychology Graduate Program will be notified of a general information and orientation meeting held during the month of August. The purpose of this meeting will be to outline departmental expectations of students, to provide orientation to institutional and departmental procedures, and to provide other information that may be of use to graduate students.

## Licensed Professional Counselor Exam

Completion of the Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology allows the graduate to sit for the Licensed Professional Counselor Exam. Upon passing the exam and completion of additional required internship hours, the graduate is eligible to become a Licensed Professional Counselor.

## Degree Plan

| Code                                 | Title                          | Semester Credit Hours |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Major Curriculum - Psychology</b> |                                | <b>45</b>             |
| <b>Required courses:</b>             |                                |                       |
| PSYC 5301                            | Intro to Counseling            |                       |
| PSYC 5303                            | Counseling Theories            |                       |
| PSYC 5305                            | Human Dev Across Life-Span     |                       |
| PSYC 5307                            | Psychopathology                |                       |
| PSYC 5308                            | Advanced Psychopathology       |                       |
| PSYC 5310                            | Ethical, Legal&Prof Issues     |                       |
| PSYC 5315                            | Group Counseling               |                       |
| PSYC 5322                            | Ethics & Research Meth in Coun |                       |

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| PSYC 5325                                      | Couples & Family Counseling   |           |
| PSYC 5327                                      | Counseling Children & Adoles  |           |
| PSYC 5331                                      | Appraisal Techniques          |           |
| PSYC 5336                                      | Multicultural Issues in Couns |           |
| PSYC 5337                                      | Ethic Leg & Prof Iss in CMHC  |           |
| PSYC 5338                                      | Addictions Counseling         |           |
| PSYC 5340                                      | Career Counseling&Dev         |           |
| <b>Two electives chosen from: <sup>1</sup></b> |                               | <b>6</b>  |
| PSYC 5335                                      | Issues in Psychology          |           |
| PSYC 5324                                      | Crisis Counseling             |           |
| PSYC 5341                                      | Cult Asp Cnslng Clnts Hisp Dt |           |
| PSYC 5342                                      | Tech Asp of Hisp in SPAN      |           |
| PSYC 5398                                      | Thesis I                      |           |
| PSYC 5399                                      | Thesis II                     |           |
| <b>Supervised Clinical Experience</b>          |                               | <b>9</b>  |
| PSYC 5350                                      | Counseling Practicum          |           |
| PSYC 5352                                      | Counseling Internship I       |           |
| PSYC 5354                                      | Counseling Internship II      |           |
| <b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>             |                               | <b>60</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Students who elect to complete a Thesis must enroll in both PSYC 5398 and PSYC 5399 as their two elective requirement.

\* Students enrolled in the MACP program are required to take at least 6 credit hours per semester during the regular academic year and complete all courses with a grade of "B" or better.

Bilingual (English-Spanish) Counselor Certification requires the successful completion of PSYC 5341 and PSYC 5342. In addition, at least 50 direct clinical hours must be obtained by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate counseling services.