Master of Science in Clinical/Counseling Psychology

The principal objective of the master of science clinical/counseling psychology program is to provide students with practical skills in counseling - through supervised training and experience - and a critical understanding of the relevant subject matter and the research evidence base. The program offers required course work designed to meet the educational requirements for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) as outlined by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. The program is a full-time, day-time program designed to be completed in two years. The program culminates with either a thesis or comprehensive examination.

Admission to the Program

In addition to the general requirements of the university, specific requirements for admission to classified graduate status are:

1. A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0;
2. A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average in the major of 3.0 ("B");
3. A baccalaureate degree in psychology; or
   A baccalaureate degree in a major other than psychology, including a course of study judged, by the Psychology Department graduate admissions committee, to be satisfactory preparation for graduate study in psychology.
4. Submission of three letters of recommendation from people who are in a position to make relevant comments on the student's likely success in a graduate psychology program. At least two of these letters should be from former professors who are familiar with the student's scholarly activities.
5. Completion of the following prerequisite courses or their equivalent:

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Requirements for Graduation

In order to be advanced to candidacy, a student must have:

1. Achieved classified status;
2. Secured a graduate advisor to supervise the course of study;
3. Completed, with the approval of the student's advisor, at least 30 semester units of graduate course work at this university, and achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0 ("B") in those courses;
4. Satisfied the Writing Requirement for Graduate Candidacy (WRGC);
5. Filed an approved Advancement to Candidacy form which must have the approval of the student's advisor, the department chair or chair of the graduate program committee and the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Degree Requirements (60-68 units)

(Program Code: CCPY)
PSYC 6618 Community and Public Mental Health 3
PSYC 6619 Community Disaster, Trauma and Resilience 3
PSYC 6633 Professional Ethics & Law in Counseling 3
PSYC 6636 Multicultural Counseling 3
PSYC 6638 Substance Abuse: Detection, Assessment and Treatment 3
PSYC 6640 Advanced Methods in Psychological Research 3
PSYC 6654 Advanced Life-Span Developmental Psychology 3
PSYC 6665 Psychopathology 3
PSYC 6667 Family Processes 3
PSYC 6671 Marriage and Family Therapy Skills I 6
PSYC 6672 Marriage and Family Therapy Skills II 6
PSYC 6674 Child Therapy 3
PSYC 6679 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy 3
PSYC 6682 Clinical Assessment 3
PSYC 6871 Marriage and Family Therapy Practicum I 3
PSYC 6872 Marriage and Family Therapy Practicum II 3
PSYC 6971 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology I 2
PSYC 6972 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology II 1

Culminating Experience (3-11) 3-11

Total Units 60-68

Culminating Experience (3-11 Units)
The M.S. Clinical/Counseling Psychology Program offers two culminating experience options.

Comprehensive Examination Option (3 units)
Passage of written examination covering the areas of competence assessed on the California MFT license examinations.

PSYC 6123 Directed Readings 3
PSYC 6980 Comprehensive Examination 0

Total Units 3

Thesis Options (11 units)
Successful completion and defense of an original research project including a review of relevant literature, methodology, data analysis, and critique.

PSYC 6641 Analysis of Variance 4
or PSYC 6642 Regression and Nonparametric Statistics
PSYC 6953 Advanced Independent Study 3
PSYC 6974 Thesis 4

Total Units 11