UNIVERSITY. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A.)

2022-2023 Degree Completion Plan

EARLY CORE COURSES (21 hours) Hrs Sem Grade						
COUC 500	Orientation to Counselor Profession Identity & Function	3				
COUC 501	Ethical & Legal Issues in Counseling	3				
COUC 502	Human Growth & Development	3				
COUC 504	Multicultural Counseling	3				
COUC 505	Counseling Techniques & the Helping Relationship ¹	3				
COUC 506	Integration of Spirituality & Counseling	3				
COUC 510	Theories of Counseling	3				
ADVANCE	D CORE COURSES (18 hours)					
COUC 512	Group Counseling ^{1,2}	3				
COUC 515	Research & Program Evaluation ³	3				
COUC 521	Assessment Techniques in Counseling	3				
COUC 522	Career Development & Counseling	3				
COUC 546	Psychopathology	3				
COUC 601	Theories of Family Systems	3				
SPECIALIZATION COURSES (18 hours)						
COUC 604	Crisis Counseling	3				
COUC 667	Clinical Diagnosis & Treatment Planning	3				
CEFS 670	Comprehensive Exam-CPCE ⁴	Pass				
CEFS 671	Comprehensive Exam-Integration ⁴	Pass				
COUC 691	Substance Abuse: Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention	3				
COUC 698	Counseling Practicum	3				
COUC 699	Counseling Internship ⁵	3				
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ELECTIVE COURSES (3 hours)						

Choose one 500-700 level elective from the following: CEFS, COUC, CRIS, LIFC & SUBS

TOTAL HOURS 60

Graduation Requirements

Complete 60 hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level 3.0 GPA

No more than 2 grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-) No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-) Successful completion of Comprehensive Exam

Liberty University course work that is more than 10 years old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit. Degree must be completed within 7 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Offered in Resident and Online Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹Course offered in Intensive Format

²A background check will be required.

³Students must successfully complete three hours of undergraduate course work in

statistics. Those who did not complete this course during their undergraduate program may fulfill this prerequisite requirement during the first two semesters of the program.

⁴Counseling Comprehensive Exam prerequisites: COUC 500, 501, 502, 504, 505, 506, 510, 512, 515, 521, 522, 546, 667

⁵COUC 699 must be taken a minimum of two times, and may be taken a third time Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester COUC 500 COUC 501 COUC 502 COUC 504 Tota	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ \underline{3} \\ \underline{3} \\ \underline{4} \\ 12 \end{array}$	Second Semester COUC 505 COUC 506 COUC 510 COUC 515	Total	3 3 3 <u>3</u> 12
Third Semester COUC 512 COUC 521 COUC 522 COUC 546 Tota	3 3 3 <u>3</u>	Fourth Semester COUC 601 COUC 667 COUC 691 COUC 698	Total	3 3 3 <u>3</u> 12
Fifth Semester COUC 604 CEFS 670 ¹ CEFS 671 ¹ COUC 699 ² Tota	$\begin{array}{c} 3\\ 0\\ 0\\ \frac{3}{2}\\ \text{al} \end{array}$	Sixth Semester COUC 699 ² Elective ^{3, 4}	Total	3 3 6

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²COUC 699 must be taken a minimum of two times, and may be taken a third time ³Choose one 500-700 level courses from the following: CEFS, COUC, CRIS, LIFC, or SUBS

⁴COUC 602, 603, 610, 611 & 620 can be used to fulfill the 60 hour requirement for LPC in VA. These courses can be taken after the 4th semester (as long as COUC 601 is Completed by this time), and may or may not be one-week intensives