

LIBERTY

UNIVERSITY.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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

2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

<u>EARLY CORE COURSES (21 hours)</u>		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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	_____	_____
<u>ADVANCED CORE COURSES (18 hours)</u>				
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	_____	_____
<u>SPECIALIZATION COURSES (18 hours)</u>				
CEFS 670	Comprehensive Exam-CPCE ⁴		_____	_____
CEFS 671	Comprehensive Exam-Integration ⁴		_____	_____
COUC 604	Crisis Counseling	3	_____	_____
COUC 667	Clinical Diagnosis & Treatment Planning	3	_____	_____
COUC 691	Substance Abuse: Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention	3	_____	_____
COUC 692	Counseling Practicum	3	_____	_____
COUC 693	Counseling Internship I	3	_____	_____
COUC 694	Counseling Internship II ⁵	3	_____	_____
<u>ELECTIVE COURSES (3 hours)</u>				
		6	_____	_____
		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 coursework 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 694 may be taken a second time

⁶Choose one of the following courses: COUC 791, 792, or any 500-700 level CEFS, COUC, CRIS, LIFC, or SUBS course

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
COUC 500	3	COUC 505	3
COUC 501	3	COUC 506	3
COUC 502	3	COUC 510	3
COUC 504	<u>3</u>	COUC 515	<u>3</u>
Total	12	Total	12
<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
COUC 512	3	COUC 601	3
COUC 521	3	COUC 667	3
COUC 522	3	COUC 691	3
COUC 546	<u>3</u>	COUC 692	<u>3</u>
Total	12	Total	12
<u>Fifth Semester</u>		<u>Sixth Semester</u>	
COUC 604	3	COUC 694 ²	3
CEFS 670 ¹	0	Elective ^{3,4}	<u>3</u>
CEFS 671 ¹	0	Total	6
COUC 693	<u>3</u>		
Total	6		

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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