

Master's in

Clinical Mental Health Counseling & Marriage and Family Therapy

Evening Cohort

Time Commitment:

3 years + **1** semester

Tuition*:

\$675 Per Unit

*Fees subject to change

Location:

Fullerton

The next cohort begins Spring 2028.**

Designed for working professionals, the part-time program provides the flexibility to earn your degree while maintaining employment. Your classes are scheduled in the evenings, with six units earned each term.

Tuition* is currently \$675 per unit. Textbooks, campus fees, parking and other instructional materials must be purchased separately.

*The tuition rate does not include mandatory campus fees each term.
All rates subject to change without notice.

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Earn your Master's degree on a part-time schedule

The Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling & Marriage and Family Therapy at Cal State Fullerton trains you to be a clinical mental health counselor and marriage and family therapist, leading to careers in a variety of settings, including mental health agencies, residential programs, hospitals, corrections, and private practice.

With our hands-on, experiential learning approach, you will learn to diagnose and treat adults, children, couples, and families struggling with life challenges and emotional disorders. You will understand how social and cultural factors affect the well-being of your clients. By the end of the program, you will have developed the professional skills needed to make a true impact on the mental health needs of your community.

The program is approved by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences to qualify you to pursue licensure as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC). It is also nationally accredited by CACREP, allowing graduates to work with Veteran Affairs and Tricare (military health plan).

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email us at
applycounseling@fullerton.edu

Ready to take the next step?

You can learn more and apply for the program at
extension.fullerton.edu/masters/counseling

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Curriculum and Requirements

The program's curriculum helps you forge a personal identity as a counselor and gain an advanced understanding of the profession and field. Classes cover major counseling theories and assessment techniques. All students progress through the curriculum at the same pace, two courses per term (except Year 2: Fall). Your classes are guaranteed, meaning you will be able to enroll in the courses you need each semester.

Year/Term	Course (Units)
Year 1: Spring	COUN 500: The Counseling Profession (3)
	COUN 511A: Pre-Practicum (3)
Year 1: Summer	COUN 502: Career and Lifestyle Development (3)
	COUN 523: Counseling and Culture (3)
Year 1: Fall	COUN 518: Human Development and Functioning (3)
	COUN 528: Groups: Process and Practice (3)
Year 2: Spring	COUN 520: Modes of Individual Counseling (3)
	COUN 527A: Systems of Family Counseling (3)
Year 2: Summer	COUN 522A: Diagnosis & Treatment Planning (3)
	COUN 526: Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling (3)
Year 2: Fall	COUN 524: Child and Adolescent Counseling (3)
	COUN 562: Intimate Partner and Couples Counseling (3)
	COUN 538: Crisis Intervention and Trauma Treatment (3)
Year 3: Spring	COUN 530A: Practicum (3)
	COUN 535: Addictions Counseling (3)
Year 3: Summer	COUN 525: Psychopharmacology for Counselors (3)
	COUN 590: Advanced Counseling Techniques (3)
Year 3: Fall	COUN 584A: Advanced Practicum (3)
	COUN 521: Research in Counseling (3)
Last Term: Spring	COUN 560: Appraisal in Counseling (3)
	COUN 597: Project (3)

Eligibility

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Three letters of recommendation with at least one letter from an academic reference (exceptions for the academic reference requirement can be made)
- A detailed, double-spaced personal statement (approximately 2,000 words) that includes the following: personal biography, what motivates you to be an advocate for social justice, your suitability for entering the counseling profession and your long-term professional goals
- An interview with department faculty
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- A 1-2 page resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV) that includes your educational history and your volunteer or paid mental health experiences

The GRE is not required for admissions.