

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 \$26,775 for the entire program, with a portion payable each term. 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.

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?

Ready to take the next step?

M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling & Marriage and Family Therapy

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.

COURSE (UNITS)	
COUN 500: The Counseling Profession (3)	COUN 511A: Pre-Practicum (3)
COUN 502: Career and Lifestyle Development (3)	COUN 523: Counseling and Culture (3)
COUN 518: Human Development and Functioning (3)	COUN 528: Groups: Process and Practice (3)
COUN 520: Modes of Individual Counseling (3)	COUN 527A: Systems of Family Counseling (3)
COUN 522A: Diagnosis & Treatment Planning (3)	COUN 526: Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling (3)
COUN 524: Child and Adolescent Counseling (3)	COUN 562: Counseling Couples (3)
COUN 538: Crisis Intervention and Trauma Treatment (3)	COUN 530A: Practicum (3)
COUN 535: Addictions Counseling (3)	COUN 525: Psychopharmacology for Councelors (3)
COUN 590: Advanced Counseling Techniques (3)	COUN 584A: Advanced Practicum (3)
COUN 521: Reseach in Counseling (3)	COUN 560: Appraisal in Counseling (3)

COUN 597:

Project (3)

Eligibility

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from a regionally accredited institution
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 for your undergraduate degree and a minimum GPA of 3.0 for four prerequisite courses: Counseling Theory; Research Methods or Statistics; Abnormal Psychology; and Human Development (at least two prerequisite courses must be completed at the time of entrance)
- Three letters of recommendation, with at least one letter from an academic reference (exceptions for the academic reference requirement can be made)
- An interview with department faculty
- A detailed personal statement (approximately 2,000 words) discussing educational background; personal biography and its relevance to your goal of becoming a counselor; strengths and weaknesses; understanding of the counseling profession, and motivation and suitability for entering it; and your long-term professional goals.