

Program:	Psychology	Dept:	Psychology
Major:	Psychology - Counseling	College:	Education and Professional Studies
Degree:	Master of Arts (M.A.)	Major Code:	3710

Psychology - Counseling, M.A.

Counseling Psychology is a three-year, full-time program that prepares graduates to provide services in diverse settings including community mental health centers, youth and family service agencies, marriage and family counseling centers, child guidance clinics, university counseling centers, psychiatric hospitals, drug and alcohol treatment centers, shelters and centers for child abuse and domestic violence, and private practice. Some graduates complete additional training at the doctoral level. Students in the counseling program are typically working towards Licensure as a Professional Counselor (LPC) or Behavioral Practitioner (LBP). Each license requires that applicants complete a Master's degree with at least sixty (60) hours of counseling related coursework. Further information concerning licensure may be obtained from the Oklahoma State Department of Health at www.ok.gov/health/Protective_Health/Professional_Counselor_Licensing_Division. The M.A. in Counseling Psychology is accredited by the Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC) for the period of February, 2017, through February, 2021.

Students in the program are expected to:

- Develop an understanding of the ethical and legal standards of behavior for counselors and consistently function in an ethical, professional manner;
- Develop and demonstrate skills in creating effective professional relationship that facilitate the counseling process;
- Develop and demonstrate effectiveness evidence-based treatments in working with diverse models, theories, and techniques that contribute to positive outcomes in counseling including;
- Demonstrate a science-based understanding of the development, diagnosis and treatment of psychopathology.
- Develop and demonstrate skills in conducting effective assessment and treatment of children, couples, families, and groups while being sensitive to the special needs and considerations of these client populations.
- Develop an understanding of the importance of the science of psychology, applied research, and scientific inquiry and their contributions to the counseling process;
- Develop and demonstrate skills in working with individuals who are culturally diverse.

The Counseling major requires a minimum of 60 graduate hours. In addition to the core courses required for all M.A. students, the program also requires that students complete coursework in counseling, psychological assessment, legal and ethical aspects of counseling, psychopathology, and other counseling-related courses.

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- A completed Counseling Psychology application which is available online at <http://www.uco.edu/ceps/forms/psychology-masters-in-counseling-application-test.php>

Note: Please note that the Counseling Application has additional required materials. Also, note that admission to the JCGS does not guarantee admission to the Counseling Program. These are two separate application processes: 1) one to the JCGS, and 2) one to the Counseling Psychology program.

Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Admission to the Graduate Psychology - Counseling Program is for **Fall semester only**. Application **Deadline is January 15**. Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show:
 - A preferred minimum 3.00 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
 - Preferred completion of 21 undergraduate hours as follows: PSY 1103, PSY 2753, PSY 3713, PSY 3833, PSY 3903, PSY 4753, and PSY 4763
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.15\)](#).
- A GRE score of at least 290 on the combined verbal reasoning and quantitative sections, and a minimum of 3.5 on the writing section.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Before the first enrollment/semester in the program, each student must meet with the Program Coordinator to complete a Plan of Study (POS). The POS must be signed and dated by both the student and the Program Coordinator and then submitted to the Administrative Assistant in the Department of Psychology, who will file it with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies. The POS must be signed and dated by the student and the Program Coordinator before it can be considered official. <http://www.uco.edu/ceps/dept/Professional-Studies-Programs/psy/psychology-ma.asp>
- Practicum. Training in the Counseling program culminates in a two consecutive semester practicum. During practicum, students provide supervised services to a diverse clientele in faculty-approved settings. Pre-practicum meetings are held with the practicum coordinator prior to each semester's practicum placement to provide information to students about the application that will be submitted to the the Practicum Coordinator. Each student must submit an application, an official transcript, and a curriculum vita. In addition to submitting the required materials, students must have completed all of the specified counseling and assessment courses and have no more than nine hours of coursework (not including practicum) remaining. Once each

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application has been submitted and minimum requirements have been met, the Counseling Faculty will review the application and the Practicum Coordinator notify the applicant of his/her status. Students' performance during their courses of study will be used to assess whether they have acquired the minimum counseling and assessment skills necessary for practicum placement. Concerns about students' readiness will be addressed by the Counseling Faculty each semester and students will be notified concerning any remediation necessary prior to applying for practicum. Due to the serious nature of providing counseling and assessment services, students in the Counseling Program will be reviewed each semester via coursework regarding their personal and professional readiness to apply for practicum.

- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than 6 hours of "C" in general core classes.
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Required Core Courses.....18 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5143	Advanced Developmental Psychology
PSY	5193	Experimental Design
PSY	5233	Psychopathology
PSY	5563	Advanced Social Psychology
PSY	5633	Cognitive Psychology
PSY	5783	Behavioral Neuroscience

Required Courses.....42 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PSY	5033	Cultural and Gender Diversity
PSY	5153	Cognitive Assessment
PSY	5253	Personality & Pathology Assessment
PSY	5263	Legal & Ethical Aspects of Counseling
PSY	5333	Psychopharmacology
PSY	5473	Individual Counseling
PSY	5483	Group Counseling
PSY	5493	Competency Based Counseling
PSY	5523	Child & Adolescent Counseling
PSY	5533	Couples & Family Counseling
PSY	5683	Advanced Tech of Counseling
PSY	5823	ABA I: Foundations in Behavioral Analysis
PSY	5900	Practicum Counseling Psychology (3 hrs)
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TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 60 HOURS

LPC or LBP Exam Course Sequence

Students who have completed a master's degree in psychology or a related field but do not have the required 60 hours to become a LPC or LBP must meet the same application requirements to take the additional hours as do students who are applying for their first master's degree in counseling psychology. Students who are completing the additional 33 hours are encouraged to explore earning a second master's degree in General Psychology.

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 - If a student is applying to take the additional 33 hours of course work to be eligible for the LPC or LBP exam, completion of a master's degree in psychology or related field with a GPA of 3.0
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Required Courses.....33 Hours

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PSY	5473	Individual Counseling
PSY	5483	Group Counseling
PSY	5493	Competency Based Counseling
PSY	5523	Child & Adolescent Counseling
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TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 33 HOURS