

COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Masters of Arts (M.A.) Degree in Counseling Emphasis in Community Counseling Specialty

This Community Counseling emphasis description includes the following:

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COMMUNITY COUNSELING SPECIALTY

The Masters of Arts degree with a specialty in community counseling is a **64-67 hour degree program** which includes required courses that prepares students to counsel individuals and families in the community. Students enrolled in the Community Counseling specialty are required to specialize in either marriage and family therapy or in addictions counseling. The philosophy of the community counseling specialty is to prepare professionals with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills to work effectively in community agency settings that service individuals and families. Toward that end, the curriculum is designed to include the mental health movement, professional identity issues, structures and operations of professional organizations, diversity issues, theories and techniques of community needs assessments as well as ways and means to design, implement, and evaluate interventions that occur in community agency settings.

Graduate students matriculating in the Community Counseling specialty will be prepared to petition the Nevada State Board of Marriage and Family Therapist Examiners to sit for the Examination and subsequent internship.

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Graduate School Website: <http://www.unr.edu/grad/>

II. PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SPECIALTY

Pre-professional: (Must be taken BEFORE admittance to the program)

CEP	600	Introduction to Counseling & Guidance (3 cr.)
CEP	640	Educational Measurements & Statistics (or equivalent) (3 cr.)

GROUP ONE Course Sequence (complete prior to enrolling in group two)

CEP	605	Counseling & Information Technology (3 cr.)
CEP	620	Career and Lifespan Development (3 cr.)
CEP	650	Counseling Theory (3 cr.)
CEP	700	Introduction to Research (3 cr.)
CEP	705	Human Growth and Development (3 cr.)

GROUP TWO Course Sequence (should have completed group one)

CEP	642b	Assessment/Diagnosis in Marriage/Family Therapy (3 cr.)
CEP	651	Counseling Practicum (100 hours) (3cr.)
CEP	670	Foundations of Marriage and Family Therapy I (3 cr.)
CEP	674	Substance Abuse Counseling (3 cr.)
CEP	680	Foundations of Marriage and Family Therapy II (3 cr.)
CEP	751	Multicultural Counseling (3 cr.)
CEP	761	Group Counseling (3 cr.)

*All students must take ONE 3-credit elective (Four suggested courses listed below)
(Courses should be taken prior to Group Three)*

HDFS	635	Child Socialization: System Perspectives (3 cr.)
HDFS	636	Family Interaction (3 cr.)
HDFS	657	Work and Family System (3 cr.)
HDFS	730	Family Systems (can supplant CEP 680) (3 cr.)

GROUP THREE Course Sequence (should have completed group one and two)

CEP	756	Sexual Issues in Counseling (3 cr.)
CEP	765	Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy (3 cr.)
CEP	766	Advanced Marriage and Family Therapy (3 cr.)
CEP	767	Couples Counseling (3 cr.)
CEP	770f	Internship in Counseling (6 cr.)
CEP	773	Internship in Marriage and Family Therapy (need to have completed 770f prior to enrolling) (6 cr.)
CEP	780	Law and Ethics in the Profession (3 cr.)
CEP	795	Master's Degree Comprehensive Exam (1-3 cr.)
CEP	603	Introduction to Community Counseling (3 cr.)
CEP	763	Counseling in the Community Setting (3 cr.)

Total Community Counseling Credits: 64-67 Credit Hours (Minimum)

III. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- a. **Complete Program of Study Form:** The program of study form must be submitted before 12 credits of course work have been completed. This form can be obtained in the CEP Department. It is completed in consultation with your advisor.
- b. **Three Credits per Semester Requirement:** Students admitted to departmental programs must enroll in at least three credits per semester or they will be withdrawn from graduate standing.
- c. **Application for Internship Placement:** Students must confirm that all prerequisites have been completed. A formal, written application is required and may be obtained in the department. It is understood that the effort expended must be comparable to formal course work. This translates to 300 clock hours devoted to the internship for each six credits. Two six-credit internships totaling 600 clock hours are required for graduation.
- d. **Comprehensive Examinations:** Students must register for at least 3 credits of regular coursework and CEP 795 (1 credit) in their last semester. The comprehensive examinations are scheduled once in the spring and fall.
 - Video tape: Students are expected to present one video-taped portion of a counseling interview as Part I of the Comprehensive Exam. Students are required to provide a brief introduction of the client and of the taped segment. The videotaped is evaluated by trained judges.
 - Written Examination: The comprehensive knowledge exam Part II is the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE). The CPCE consists of 160 items, multiple-choice, with 20 items per the eight CACREP areas of (1) Human Growth and Development, (2) Social and Cultural Foundations, (3) Helping Relationships, (4) Group Work, (5) Career and Lifestyle Development, (6) Appraisal, (7) Research and Program Evaluation, and (8) Professional Orientation and Ethics.
- e. **Six-year Program Completion Requirement:** Degree requirements for the M.A. degree must be completed in six calendar years from the date of the first course listed in the approved program of study form.
- f. **Application for Graduation** has to be obtained at the Cashier's Office, Located in the New Student Services Building, 3rd Floor, 784-6915.

IV. ACCREDITATION, LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

The College of Education is accredited by both the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Northwest Association for Schools and Colleges (NASC). The CEP masters program in marriage and therapy, as well as the doctoral programs in counselor education, are fully accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) through the year 2001.

Nevada State Licensure: After students complete the 64-hour master's degree program in Community Counseling, they are encouraged to apply to the Nevada Board of Marriage

and Family Therapist Examiners for internship status and to work toward Nevada State Licensure.

This post-master's work requires verification of a master's degree in counseling or a closely related degree and completion of courses in specifically required areas of marriage and family theory, therapy, internship, development and core skills. Additionally, applicants are required to submit other professional credentials, their plan for supervision of their work as interns and go through interviews with a Board Member. When all of these steps are successfully completed, applicants must take a State Marriage and Family Therapy Examination (offered in November in Reno and May in Las Vegas) and achieve a grade of 70% or higher to begin their internship. The Marriage and Family Therapy Internship requires successful completion of 3,000 hours of supervised internship.

For application materials and information, contact:

State of Nevada
The Board of Marriage and Family Therapist Examiners
P.O. Box 72758
Las Vegas, Nevada 89170-2758
(702) 486-7388

Requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy vary significantly from state to state. So, students planning to pursue licensure out of Nevada are urged to gather information from those states.

Graduates of the Community Counseling emphasis are also encouraged to seek licensure through the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC).

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Prospective student meetings are held the **second Thursday in January and August at 4 p.m.** at the CEP office (call department at (775) 784-6637 to register for the meeting). To obtain a University of Nevada catalog, contact the ASUN Bookstore, Mail Stop 194, (775) 784-6597. A University of Nevada Graduate School catalog can be obtained by contacting the Graduate School, Mail Stop 326, (775) 784-6869.

The CEP Home Page can be viewed at <http://www.unr.edu/educ/cep/cepindex.html>

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