Master of Arts in Counseling and Educational Psychology with emphasis in:

Clinical Mental Health

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This School Counseling emphasis description includes the following:

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I. CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH EMPHASIS (M.A.)
The Clinical Mental Health Counseling emphasis is a 65 credit hour program that will be going under review for CACREP accreditation in 2016. The purpose of this extensive training is to prepare future clinicians for working with individuals in the community. Students in our program receive in-depth training in clinical issues, conceptualization skills, and treatment planning. The emphasis strives to provide the necessary self-awareness, knowledge, and skills to effectively deliver individualized treatment in the community.

Aside from formal clinical coursework, graduate students are required to complete a 600-hour internship where students will receive on-site clinical training and supervision. Completion of the emphasis prepares students for licensure in Nevada as a Clinical Professional Counselor.

II. PROGRAM OF STUDY (courses required) We have made every effort to accurately represent when courses will be offered, however, please note that this list is tentative and may change as resources are available.

Courses are offered in a developmental sequence in order to build upon a student’s knowledge throughout the program. Course sequences will be made available when a student enters the program.

CORE COURSES (Taken by all students):

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III. ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS 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 online through the graduate school website [http://www.unr.edu/grad/forms/](http://www.unr.edu/grad/forms/). While the program is predetermined your advisor’s signature is required. It is your responsibility to contact and consult with your advisor to complete this required form before 12 credits of course work have been completed. You will receive an outline of your course work as it should appear on your degree plan.

b. **Three Credit per Semester Requirement**: Students admitted to the program must enroll in at least three credits per semester or they will be withdrawn from graduate standing.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 program office. This form must be submitted by April 15 for summer and fall internships and by November 1 for spring. 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 enroll in CEP 795 (1 credit, minimum) in their last semester. The comprehensive examinations are scheduled once in the spring and fall.

- **Video:** Students are expected to present one video-taped portion of a counseling session as Part I of the Comprehensive Exam. The video is evaluated by trained judges and faculty. Your video will not be returned. Please be sure the submission is on media you can part with.

- A written paper conceptualizing the case presented in the video tape will accompany the DVD or other electronic media. As requirements vary from semester to semester, specific instructions regarding the paper will be presented at an informational meeting held at the beginning of the semester in which you complete the comprehensive examination.

- **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 from each of 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** is available on the Graduate School web site [http://www.unr.edu/grad](http://www.unr.edu/grad). Please check the website for due dates.

IV. **ACCREDITATION, LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION**

Both the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Northwest association accredit the College of Education for Schools and Colleges (NASC). The master’s program in clinical mental health counseling is going for review by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) in the year 2016.

Nevada State Licensure: After students complete the master’s degree program in Marital, Couple, and Family Counseling/Therapy, 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. If you are interested in licensure in California or other states, please contact the state’s board directly. Requirements may vary.

The post-masters work toward licensure requires verification of an MA degree in counseling or a closely related degree and completion of the specific coursework in Clinical Mental Health (outlined previously in this prospectus). Upon completion of a MA degree with the concomitant
course requirements, applicants apply to the Board to become a Clinical Professional Counselor – Intern (CPC-Intern) and begin the required 3,000 post masters internship. As part of the application process, applicants are required to present their internship plan to the board that includes the name of a primary and secondary supervisor as well as the specific location where the internship will be completed. Approximately one year into the internship, students are eligible to sit for the licensing examination.

For application materials and information, contact:

State of Nevada
The Board of Marriage and Family Therapist Examiners
P.O. Box 370130
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134-0130
(702) 486-7388

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prospective student meetings are held each semester, usually the week before classes begin. Please contact Dr. Rebecca Scherer at rscherer@unr.edu for information and 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 at the Graduate School web site www.unr.edu/grad, (Graduate School Mail Stop 326, and telephone (775) 784-6869). If you are interested in applying, please read the Frequently Asked Questions form as this will answer many of your questions.

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