

Counseling Graduate Program Chicago State University

CACREP ACCREDITED

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH TRACK

PSYC 5611 Principles of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
PSYC 5640 Counseling Theories and Ethics	3
PSYC 5650 Microcounseling	3
PSYC 5660 Advanced Lifespan Development and Counseling Applications	3
PSYC 5670 Group Counseling	3
PSYC 5710 Multicultural Issues in Counseling	3
PSYC 5720 Life-style and Career Development	3
PSYC 5730 Techniques of Assessment and Diagnosis	3
PSYC 5740 Treatment Interventions for Urban Youth and Families	3
PSYC 5750 Family Systems Counseling	3
PSYC 5790 Pre-Practicum Counseling Lab	3
PSYC 5800 Research, Statistics and Program Evaluations	3
PSYC 5810 Theories and Practice of Addictions Counseling	3
PSYC 5840 Advanced Psychopathology and Treatment Planning	3
PSYC 5950 Practicum (100 hrs field placement)	3
PSYC 5991 Internship (600 hours field placement)	6
PSYC Electives (5500 of higher level courses only)	3

Required Credit Hours **54**

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The Counseling Graduate Program in the Department of Psychology at Chicago State University (CSU) offers graduate study leading to a Master of Arts degree in counseling. The mission of the program is to produce highly qualified graduates equipped to serve the complex counseling demands in the urban settings with a specific emphasis on addressing the needs of urban youth and their families. The program is designed to train students as counselors so they can work in a variety of settings. The program qualifies students to sit for examinations for the National Counseling Certification (NCC) and the Illinois Licensure for Professional Counselors

The program also prepares students for doctoral study in counselor education or counseling psychology. Graduates of the program are eligible to work as counselors in a variety of community settings. Students who are interested in pursuing a doctoral degree after graduating from the Counseling Graduate Program are strongly encouraged to complete a thesis. Three of the six hours of thesis credit can be taken in lieu of the required graduate elective.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Students in the clinical mental health counseling program are prepared for careers in community agencies such as mental health clinics, substance abuse facilities, and/or to work as developmental interventionists and consultants in a wide variety of educational and non-educational settings. Students will be given a strong preparation in clinical

intervention with a specific emphasis on meeting the needs of urban youth and their families.



MASTER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH

Students must complete all required and elective courses 54 clinical mental health credit hours at the graduate level with an average grade of B or better. Enrollment in the clinical courses (Psyc 5790, 5950, 5990/5991) requires admission to candidacy and completion of course prerequisites. Students must successfully complete the Comprehensive Examinations (Part 1 – Objective, and Part 2- Essay). Students must successfully complete a Practicum (Field

Experience) of 100 clock hours and an Internship of 600 clock hours. Students must complete all degree requirements within six years.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submission of an application, official transcript(s) and two references forms (one from either a college instructor or supervisor at work) to CSU Office of Graduate Studies by **March 1 (no exceptions)**.

- a) Completion of six credit hours of prerequisites courses, which must include three credit hours in each one of the following areas: developmental psychology and psychological statistics (*with no more than one grade of C*). A student may be granted provisional admission until the prerequisites are met.
- b) GPA: Minimum 3.0 (*on a 4.0 scale*) for final 60 hours of undergraduate work. Applicants whose grade point average is between 2.75 and 2.99 may qualify for conditional admission.
- c) Successful completion of a written essay and personal interview with faculty for the purpose of assessing oral communication, writing, interpersonal skills, and the applicant's potential for the counseling field.

Due to the competitive application process and the limited class size not all qualified applicants will be accepted.

WHAT IS CACREP ACCREDITATION?

CACREP accreditation provides recognition that the content and quality of the education offered by the accredited program has been evaluated extensively and meets standards set by and for the profession. The student can be assured that appropriate knowledge and skills areas will be included that are necessary for entry into the counseling field. The student as a consumer can also be assured that the program is financially stable. As a graduate of CACREP accredited program, a student applying for certification by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) will have the two (2) years of post-secondary supervised experience waived. This facilitates and expedites one's experience in becoming National Certified Counselor (NCC). In addition, some states will waive a portion of the post-graduate supervised experience required for licensure.