

Master of Science in Counseling Psychology

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Here to help

As a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology (MSCP) student, you will acquire the self-awareness, knowledge, and skills required of counseling professionals. The program fosters the integration of theory, experience, and research skills with practice. You will learn to assess clients in their family and social contexts, design evidence-informed strategies for change, and evaluate the effectiveness of those interventions.

There is no typical MSCP student. The program welcomes community members from the full spectrum of human experience, including diversity in class, age, race, ethnicity, physical abilities, political beliefs, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, spirituality, and size.

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The Master of Science in Counseling Psychology is a program within Chatham University's **SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**. The School of Health Sciences has developed a strong reputation for its sought-after health professionals. From high first-time pass rates to advanced clinical aptitude, our graduates enter their careers ready to meet the needs of patients and contribute to improving the quality of care their organizations deliver.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Full-time students can earn the 60 credit hours required for professional counselor licensure in five terms.
- Practicums and internships allow students to develop skills in assessment, diagnosis, and case conceptualization.
- Field placement sites include outpatient mental health centers, inpatient and partial hospitalization programs, prisons and halfway houses, hospitals, and residential treatment centers, among many others.
- Class sizes are small, and all core faculty members have extensive clinical experience in addition to teaching experience. Some courses are taught by adjunct professors from the community who have experience in particular content areas, such as trauma, addictions, or family therapy.
- Upon completing your MS in Counseling Psychology, you will be able to work in human services and healthcare settings right away, providing counseling services under supervision while you meet national testing and work requirements for professional counselor licensure.

SAMPLE COURSES

PSY617: Psychology of Culture and Identity

The course addresses issues of culture and identity as related to counseling and therapeutic relationships. Sociopolitical, socioeconomic, familial, and psychological aspects of diversity, identity, and culture are explored through readings, seminars, and experiential exercises. Students challenge underlying assumptions and develop effective skills to work with diverse populations in counseling.

PSY629: Human Development across the Life Span

Explore cognitive, social, emotional and physiological development throughout the life span. While including concentration on the major theoretical approaches to life span development, an equally significant focus will be on practical application of material.

PSY681: Professional Integration Seminar

The course explores ethical conceptualization, analysis, and practices of applied and counseling psychologists.

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“Throughout my internship experiences I have discovered, time and time again, that graduates of Chatham’s MSCP program are well respected and in demand in the mental health community. This program has provided me all the skills necessary for a smooth transition into the field of professional counseling.”

— JEFF S., MSCP GRADUATE

OUTCOMES

Here's an overview of some of the things that MSCP graduates have gone on to do, and some of the places where they're doing it.

- **Mental and Behavioral Health:** Licensed Professional Counselor; Senior Outpatient Therapist; Psychometrist; Research Associate
- **Addiction and Crisis Services:** Primary Therapist; Addictions Specialist; Master's Level Therapist
- **Child Services:** Psych Specialty Counselor II; Child & Family Counselor; Program Coordinator
- **Early Learning:** Founder & Executive Director; Early Learning Readiness Facilitator; Classroom Therapist; Classroom Aide
- **Community Services:** SNAP Program Manager; Service Coordinator Mentor; Mental Health Counselor
- **Faith-Based Organizations:** Adult Clinician; Pastoral Counselor
- **Higher Education:** Academic Advisor; Online Student Services Counselor; Area Coordinator, Leadership Coordinator, and Faculty Member
- NHS Human Services
- Mercy Behavioral Health
- Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH
- RE:SOLVE Crisis Network
- Family Behavioral Resources
- University of Pittsburgh
- Pittsburgh Action Against Rape
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Gateway Rehabilitation Center
- Mon Yough Community Services, Inc.
- Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Matilda Theiss Child Development Center

“When looking for a master’s program, I wanted to really focus on my future career and be sure that I had a supportive environment to move me forward. The small class sizes help to create a community, and my professors knew me and my interests. At Chatham, you have the opportunity to find a professor who can nurture and mentor you.”

— ERIN TROUP, MSCP '08, LPC, NCC, CT

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Essay
- College-level (3 credits) introductory psychology course
- Phone interview

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Fall Recommended Deadline: July 1
- Spring Recommended Deadline: November 1

▶ **Apply online at chatham.edu/apply**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

A limited number of research, special project, and teaching assistantships are available to help defray the cost of the tuition while also earning valuable, hands-on experience in the field. This assistantship is in the form of tuition remission and will reduce a student's final tuition bill. Please contact your admission counselor to learn more.