

ONLINE MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

TURN YOUR PASSION INTO YOUR PROFESSION

Highly trained and empathetic counselors have the power to inspire change and make a profound impact in the lives of those they serve. In today's era of health care reform, demand for care continues to surpass the number of qualified professionals available to provide it. That's why Bradley University offers an online Master of Arts in Counseling program that can equip you with the specialized competence to help those who need it most.

Define your career in counseling by choosing from two specialty tracks:

- Master of Arts in Counseling – Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC)
- Master of Arts in Counseling – Professional School Counseling (PSC)

Enjoy a learning environment where you can:

- Prepare to serve as a highly skilled and socially responsible counseling leader in a variety of educational, community and mental health settings.
- Develop a high degree of self-understanding and learn to communicate more effectively.
- Study the effects of counseling on brain function through the practice of neurocounseling.
- Become eligible to take the National Counselor Exam for Licensure and Certification (NCE).
- Graduate from a program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Ready to get started or have questions?

Call 1-888-896-7602 to speak with an enrollment advisor today.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this program, you must meet the following qualifications:

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university:

- Students may be admitted unconditionally if they have achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate coursework. Students may be admitted conditionally if the last 60 semester hours grade point average is below a 3.0 and above a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with previous graduate coursework must have achieved a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in all graduate coursework and have completed a minimum of 12 graduate credit hours for the graduate grade point average to be considered for admission.

You also must submit the following:

- Completed online application
- Non-refundable \$40 application fee (\$50 for international students)
- Official transcripts of academic credentials
- One short admission essay
- Three letters of recommendation
- Virtual Interview (The virtual interview can be scheduled after applicant has submitted the application and paid application fee)

For Illinois residents pursuing Professional School Counseling:

- Complete Basic Skills Course (096 and 300) or Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP 400). Proof of this test is required after admission and before graduation but is not required to process application for admission. Applicants for Professional School Counseling who reside outside of Illinois must confirm the requirements from their local licensing boards.
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In addition, international applicants also must submit:

- Official transcripts certified by an officer of the institution or by a U.S. or local government official
- Official TOEFL or IELTS scores (if required)

CURRICULUM

To graduate with your Master of Arts in Counseling, you must successfully complete 60 semester hours of graduate academic work, including one practicum, two internships and two, one-week-long campus-based residencies. The first residency will take place during your first term, and the second will occur in the eighth term. Residencies are presently suspended in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

PROGRAM FOUNDATION COURSES (6 SEMESTER HOURS)

COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS
ENC 607	Neurocounseling: Bridging Brain & Behavior	3
ENC 620	Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice	3

PROGRAM CORE COURSES (36 SEMESTER HOURS)

ENC 540	Human Growth & Development Across the Lifespan	3
ENC 551	Prevention & Treatment of Substance Related & Addictive Disorders	3
ENC 586	Counseling Diverse Populations	3
ENC 604	Research Methodology & Evaluation	3
ENC 621	Career Counseling	3
ENC 623	Pre-Practicum in Counseling	3
ENC 624	Theories & Techniques of Counseling	3
ENC 625	Principles of Group Counseling	3
ENC 630	Diagnosis & Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
ENC 631	Trauma Crisis & Grief Counseling	3
ENC 641	Assessment in Counseling	3
ENC 661	Intimate Partner Relationships & Family Counseling	3

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CONCENTRATION COURSES (6 SEMESTER HOURS)

ENC 608	Brain-Based Counseling Interventions	3
ENC 651	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING CONCENTRATION COURSES (7 SEMESTER HOURS)

ENC 585	Understanding Schools A Primer for Non-Teachers	1
ENC 653	Professional School Counseling, K-8	2
ENC 655	Professional School Counseling, Secondary Schools	2
ENC 669	Education Law, Advocacy, & Leadership	2

EXPERIENTIAL COURSES (12 SEMESTER HOURS)

ENC 640	Clinical Supervision	2
ENC 654	Consultation	1
ENC 690	Practicum	3
ENC 691	Internship II	3
ENC 692	Internship II	3

Total: 60 semester hours (Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Professional School Counseling, teachers)

61 semester hours (Professional School Counseling, non-teachers)

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.

Bradley University is a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the U.S. The Higher Learning Commission approved Bradley University to offer its online Master of Arts in Counseling degree program in 2015. In accordance with the program integrity regulation (34 CFR § 600.9), Bradley is seeking authorizations from states to offer the accredited Master of Arts in Counseling program via distance learning technologies to students from various geographical locations.

Each state's licensure board determines the requirements for candidates seeking licensure and/or certification. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to check the licensing boards in states where they reside or where they intend to practice for requirements about certification, licensure and reciprocity rules, as well as standards for keeping these credentials. This pertains to the professional practices of future clinical mental health counselors and future professional school counselors. Please contact our online enrollment team for more information.

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