

# MSC

Master of Science in Counseling



Carver School of Social Work and Counseling

## Program Overview

The MSC degree has two academic tracks available for students. Students must select from one or more of the following toward the pursuit of a counseling degree:

- Generalist: 36 Credit hrs.
- Marriage & Family: 42 Credit hrs.

The goal of the Master of Science in Counseling (MSC) is to enhance career opportunities by preparing graduates with the knowledge and skills to counsel individuals, families, and groups in a variety of occupational venues. The basic generalist curriculum provides the foundation for this degree but is expanded upon to prepare an advanced level graduate who is academically prepared to seek licensure as a Marriage & Family Therapist in Kentucky and various other states.

The counseling program melds the qualifications of four different disciplines to prepare generalist counselors. As a service and leadership institution, Campbellsville University's mission of academic excellence, scholarship, and continued life-long learning in a Christian environment is well met. To fulfill this mission the objectives of the MSC program are:

- To prepare generalist counselors for career advancement;
- To prepare graduates with the knowledge and skills to counsel individuals, families, and groups;
- To prepare ethical generalist counselors with or without specialized interest in Marriage and Family Counseling.
- To prepare graduate level counselors to make contributions to their communities, churches, government agencies, and society through service.

The courses are instructed in trimesters using a combined evening and online format to accommodate students working in full-time employment. More importantly, the graduate program contributes to a need in Kentucky and provides additional education opportunities for residents in this region.

The MSC is offered by Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, and Christian Studies faculty, academically and experientially qualified to teach the counseling curricula. This degree is a means to acquire knowledge and skills for career advancement.

## Admission to the Program

Applicants submit completed materials directly to the Campbellsville University's Admission Office.

Prospective students may request an application packet from the Admissions Office Online. The packet contains:

- Application for graduate school admission
- Online application for MSC graduate program admission
- Application fee (for paper application only)
- Official transcript(s)
- Three (3) letters of reference
- Official GRE scores required if GPA is less than 3.0
- Essay (250-500) words.

Once all materials are submitted to the Office of Admissions the materials are forwarded to the Carver School of Social Work & Counseling. The next step in the process is a contact from the Administrative Assistant of the Carver School and an interview between the applicant and the MSC Admission Committee. All applicants must interview with the MSC Graduate Admission Committee.

The Admissions Committee consists of the MSC Program Director and faculty members who teach in the MSC program. Each member reviews the application materials and bases student selection on application criteria and the applicant's interview. Applicants are notified after the personal interview of the following:

1. Unconditional acceptance;
2. Conditional acceptance, specifying conditions that must be improved or corrected;
3. Denial

Applications can be submitted at any time. Application materials are reviewed and program acceptance determined one month prior to the start of each trimester. This program has open enrollment and students may enter the program during any trimester throughout the academic year; however, the application materials and interview process must be completed one month prior to the start of a trimester. If application materials are received after the one month cut off date the student will be considered for entry into the next upcoming trimester.





## Program Requirements

### Generalist Counseling Track.....(36 hrs)

The 36 credit-hour program is structured as follows:

- Counseling Core.....(24 hrs)**
- COU500 Counseling Theories and Practice I.....3hrs
- COU523 Counseling Skills.....3 hrs
- COU550 Counseling Theories and Practice II.....3 hrs
- COU520 Human Development.....3 hrs
- COU560 Psychopathology.....3 hrs
- COU570 Cultural Competencies.....3 hrs
- COU581 Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues.....3 hrs
- COU530 Research Methods.....3 hrs
- Generalist Counseling Specific Course.....3 hrs
- COU585 Career Counseling & Lifestyle Development...3 hrs

#### Electives

- Choose two courses from this list.....(9 hrs)**
- COU 515 Marriage and Family Counseling.....3 hrs
- COU 516 Marriage and Family Counseling II.....3 hrs
- COU 517 Marriage and Family Counseling III.....3 hrs
- COU 540 Group Counseling.....3 hrs
- COU 624 Child and Adolescent Counseling.....3 hrs

### Practicum (150 clock hours).....(3 hrs)

This degree is appealing to baccalaureate level Christian Studies, Human Services, Psychology, Sociology, Social Science, or Social Work graduates who have an interest in attaining a master’s degree and providing non-mental health counseling yet have no interest in seeking licensure to counsel. A graduate with the generalist MSC degree (36 credit hours of coursework) is qualified to provide career, academic, and other non-mental health counseling activities. The M.S.C. graduate, completing the generalist degree, is not qualified to establish a private practice or independently bill service consumers as a professional counselor in Kentucky or states having licensure laws which limit the use of this degree.

### Marriage and Family Counseling Track.....(45 hrs)

The 45 credit-hour program is structured as follows:

- M.S.C. Counseling Core.....(24 hrs)**
- COU500 Counseling Theories and Practice I.....3 hrs
- COU523 Counseling Skills.....3 hrs
- COU550 Counseling Theories and Practice II.....3 hrs
- COU520 Human Development.....3 hrs
- COU560 Psychopathology.....3 hrs
- COU570 Cultural Competencies.....3 hrs
- COU581 Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues.....3 hrs
- COU530 Research Methods.....3 hrs
- Marriage & Family Cognate Core.....(15 hrs)**
- COU 515 Marriage and Family Counseling.....3 hrs
- COU 516 Marriage and Family Counseling II.....3 hrs
- COU 517 Marriage and Family Counseling III.....3 hrs
- COU 540 Group Counseling.....3 hrs
- COU 624 Child and Adolescent Counseling.....3 hrs

### Practicum (300 clock hours).....(6 hrs)

Students interested in marriage and family counseling may seek the respective Marriage and Family Counseling MSC concentration. This area of emphasis requires students to successfully complete an additional 21 credit hours of coursework beyond the core curriculum. This additional curriculum includes coursework compulsory by the Kentucky Board of Marital and Family Therapy. The Kentucky Board of Marriage and Family Therapy recommend this coursework as outlined in KRS 335.330(3). This area of study is designed to prepare graduates with the knowledge and skills to counsel individuals, couples, and families. Students successfully completing the Marriage and Family Counseling track may seek certification as a Marriage and Family Therapist in the state of Kentucky once all prerequisite requirements (as outlined in KRS 335.300 to 335.399) of the Kentucky Board of Licensure of Marriage and Family Therapists have been fulfilled. The MSC degree, with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Counseling (MFC), requires students to successfully complete the generalist core (21 credit hours), the MFC core (15 credit hours of specified coursework) and a practicum (6 credit hours.)

