The University of Scranton
PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

WHY SCRANTON?
Excellence in academic and professional competencies. Jesuit values. Successful outcomes. You’ll find all of this – and more – when you choose The University of Scranton for your Master of Science in counseling degree. Our dedicated faculty will work alongside you as you pursue a higher level of education through our nationally accredited programs.

REAL WORLD RESULTS
Filling a Growing Need
The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook reports that there will be faster than average growth in clinical mental health counseling. Our alumni surveys have resulted in 100% employment for University of Scranton CMHC graduates. Graduates can work in many settings including, community agencies, private practice, and inpatient facilities.

COUNSELOR TRAINING CENTER
• Utilize skills taught and practiced in the classroom
• Find and experience theoretical practices
• Witness the healing power of the therapeutic process
• Facilitate dynamic learning and supervision
• Affirm choice of profession
More at: scranton.edu/hallcenter

PERSONAL ATTENTION
• Learn from an accomplished faculty comprised of skillful educators who pride themselves in their teaching, research and service.
• Gain practical knowledge from faculty who bring significant clinical work experiences to the classroom experience.
• Work with a faculty mentor who will assist with your personal academic planning throughout the program.

AT A GLANCE
• Exposure to faculty with a wide range of experience and expertise
• Embraces the traditions of Ignatian identity
• Help students to become inclusive professional counselors who can provide services to a wide range of diverse clients
• Build self-reflective practices to enhance counselor competence
• Prepares students for work in a variety of settings and to be able to help people with many presenting concerns, including behavioral, mood, anxiety, relationship, and addiction

JESUIT VALUES
• Fosters academic, professional and personal development
• Focus on social justice, empowerment, advocacy and leadership
• Development of clients to their full potential
• Emphasis on appreciation of diversity

ONE-TO-ONE LEARNING
Faculty Engagement

GETTING RECOGNIZED
Results, reputation & ethics drive our education.

CACREP Accreditation
The University of Scranton’s Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the accrediting body for the counseling profession.

Students graduating from CACREP accredited programs may take the National Counselor Exam (NCE) which is a step towards becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor.
The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program prepares professional counselors to provide evidence-based culturally and developmentally competent counseling services that enhance the emotional, cognitive, behavioral, relational, and spiritual well-being of individuals, couples, families, and groups across the lifespan. Graduates of this program are prepared to counsel a wide variety of clients varying from those who seek help with everyday life concerns to those who struggle with significant emotional, cognitive, and behavioral challenges. The importance of advocacy, leadership, social justice, client empowerment, and wellness are emphasized throughout the program.

60 credits required for awarding of degree

**FOUNDATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING**
(27 credits required):

- COUN 501: Counseling & Interviewing Skills
- COUN 502: Counseling Theories
- COUN 503: Group Process & Practice
- COUN 504: Appraisal Techniques
- COUN 505: Research Methods
- COUN 506: Social & Cultural Issues
- COUN 507: Career & Lifestyle Development
- COUN 508: Lifespan Development
- COUN 509: Professional Issues in Counseling (2 credits)
- COUN 509C: Professional Issues: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (1 credit)

**CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING COURSES:** (18 credits required):

- COUN 540: Family Counseling & Therapy
- COUN 549: Assessment & Diagnosis
- COUN 560: Addictive Behaviors
- COUN 563: Evidence-Based Practice
- COUN 564: Cognitive-Behavioral Counseling
- COUN 565: Group Counseling
- COUN 566: Career Counseling & Development
- COUN 567: Contemporary Issues in Counseling
- COUN 568: Induction to Counseling

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE** (9 credits required):

- COUN 568: Practicum: CMHC (100 Hours)
- COUN 569: Internship: CMHC (600 hours)

**ELECTIVES** (6 credits required):

Elective courses may be selected from other graduate counseling courses in the Department of Counseling & Human Services.

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**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

The priority application deadline for all graduate programs is November 15th with a regular application deadline of March 1st for admission into the following fall term. Applications received after the March 1st deadline may be considered at the Program Director’s discretion.

To apply to a counseling program or for additional application and admission information visit:

[scranton.edu/gradapply](http://scranton.edu/gradapply)

At $757 per credit, the tuition cost for our counseling programs is among the most competitive in PA and for regionally accredited universities.

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**CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

You are encouraged to contact the Program Directors for information on the academic components of the counseling program.

Dr. Benjamin Willis, please email [benjamin.willis@scranton.edu](mailto:benjamin.willis@scranton.edu) or call 570.941.6172.

Dr. Tiffany Bordonada, please email [tiffany.bordonada@scranton.edu](mailto:tiffany.bordonada@scranton.edu) or call 570.941.7487.

**SCHEDULE A VISIT**

Personal appointments with an Admissions representative are offered Monday through Friday and can provide insight to the application and admission process. Sign up online to register for your visit at: [scranton.edu/gradvisit](http://scranton.edu/gradvisit).

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**LOCATION**

Office: 570.941.4416

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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**ADMISSION**

**Admission Criteria for Acceptance**

Admission is based on a combination of four indicators: previous academic performance, three professional letters of recommendation, relevant professional experience and an interview.

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**DO MORE**

**Graduate Assistantships**

Graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis to graduate students who seek to strengthen the breadth and quality of the educational experience. Graduate assistants work with faculty and staff in the areas of teaching, research and/or administration. The graduate assistant is awarded a tuition scholarship as well as a stipend. [More at: scranton.edu/ga](http://scranton.edu/ga)

**Career Development Services**

Clinical Mental Health Counseling students have full access to the services of the Gerard R. Roche Center for Career Development, which include resume and cover letter writing, interview and job search techniques, and participation in employer on-campus recruiting visits and Career Expos. Students and alumni can access a wide range of employment opportunities through the office’s online job posting system. The career team is available to consult for advice and support throughout your career. [More at: scranton.edu/careers](http://scranton.edu/careers)