

Program Assessment Plan for Clinical Mental Health Counseling, MS

Program Mission

The Clinical Mental Health 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.

Curriculum

Key Courses And Assignments

Pre-Practicum Recommendation Form, Practicum Fit for the Profession Final Evaluation Form, Final Transcript in Counseling and Interviewing Skills, Research Proposal, Journal Article Critiques and COUN 505 Final Exam, Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination, and Employer and Alumni Surveys

Program Learning Outcomes to be Assessed

PLO	5. Demonstrate knowledge pertaining to the provision of evidence-based clinical mental health counseling services that enhance the emotional, cognitive, behavioral, relational, and spiritual well-being of individuals,	ILOs to which the PLOs map	3,4
Year:	Year 3 AY 2016-17		
Is the evidence Direct or Indirect	TBD, likely direct and indirect		
Where in the program does the evidence reside?	COUN 549, 577, 590, and 595		
What tools are necessary to collect evidence? (Rubrics, Portfolio, Embedded Exam Questions etc.)	TBD, likely evaluations and rubrics from co		
Benchmarks	TBD		
ListOfSources	TBD		

Program Learning Outcomes to be Assessed

PLO	4. Formulate, conduct, and evaluate master's level research procedures and assessment processes	ILOs to which the PLOs map	3,4
Year:	Year 1 Spring 2015		
Is the evidence Direct or Indirect	Direct		
Where in the program does the evidence reside?	COUN 505		
What tools are necessary to collect evidence? (Rubrics, Portfolio, Embedded Exam Questions etc.)		Rubrics	
Benchmarks	TBD		
ListOfSources	Research Proposal, Journal Article Critiques and Final Exam in COUN 505 - Rubrics are used for all assignments		

Program Learning Outcomes to be Assessed

PLO	3. Demonstrate master's level theoretical knowledge and competencies in clinical practice	ILOs to which the PLOs map	3,4
Year:	Year 1 Spring 2015		
Is the evidence Direct or Indirect	direct and indirect		
Where in the program does the evidence reside?	COUN 501, COUN 503, COUN 591		
What tools are necessary to collect evidence? (Rubrics, Portfolio, Embedded Exam Questions etc.)	Rubrics for course assignments and Final Pr		
Benchmarks	83% of students have an average of 3.0 on all scales on the Final Practicum Competency Checklist		
ListOfSources	COUN 501 and COUN 503 course completion and COUN 591 Final Practicum Competency Checklist		

Program Learning Outcomes to be Assessed

PLO	2. Demonstrate master's level theoretical knowledge and competencies in counseling domains	ILOs to which the PLOs map	2
Year:	Year 2 AY 2015-16		
Is the evidence Direct or Indirect	Direct		
Where in the program does the evidence reside?	This exam takes place outside of courses toward the end of a students program - once they have taken the required courses.		
What tools are necessary to collect evidence? (Rubrics, Portfolio, Embedded Exam Questions etc.)	Counselor Preparation Exam Data from Cen		
Benchmarks	Students must score greater than or equal to one standard deviation below the national mean for that test administration to pass the exam. Students will have two opportunities to pass the exam successfully. Students who do not pass the exam after the second administration will be required to meet with their program director to develop a plan that allows them to demonstrate competencies and proficiency as set forth in the Program Manuals. Students who are unable to demonstrate competency and proficiency upon completion of their plan will not finish their program of study or earn a master's degree.		
ListOfSources	Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam		

Program Learning Outcomes to be Assessed

PLO	1. Demonstrate master's level professional counseling dispositions	ILOs to which the PLOs map	1
Year:	Year 2 AY 2015-16		
Is the evidence Direct or Indirect	Indirect		
Where in the program does the evidence reside?	COUN 590 and 595		
What tools are necessary to collect evidence? (Rubrics, Portfolio, Embedded Exam Questions etc.)	Practicum Fit for the Profession Evaluation		
Benchmarks	Average of 3.5 for 100% of students for Practicum Form TBD for Internship Form		
ListOfSources	Practicum Fit for the Profession Final Evaluation Form - (items with likert scale answers) and Internship Final Evaluation Form (items with likert scaled answers)		