

**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY (NSU)  
COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CONCENTRATION  
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The following information is provided as part of the College of Psychology advisement program to insure student understanding of curriculum and degree requirements. Advisement is provided to students throughout the program and at anytime upon request. Of particular note below is information pertaining to practicum and internship requirements. Students accepted into the clinical mental health counseling concentration at NSU must review the information provided and sign verifying their understanding of the following important information prior to beginning studies. This information will be reviewed at orientation and prior to students registering for practicum and internship.

The curriculum for incoming students is listed below to assist you with planning. Coursework reflects the current national standards for training mental health counselors. Students in the NSU Department of Counseling are expected to abide by the American Counseling Association *Code of Ethics*, located at <https://www.counseling.org/Resources/aca-code-of-ethics.pdf>, which outlines their ethical and professional obligations as counselors-in-training.

**Master of Science in Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration**  
**(60 credit hours)**

**Required Courses**

- PYCL 502 Counseling Theories & Practice\*+
- PYCL 507 Research & Evaluation for Counselors\*+
- PYCL 511 Introduction to Counseling Techniques\*+#
- PYCL 512 Human Growth & Development
- PYCL 570 Ethical, Legal, & Professional Issues for Counselors\*+#
- PYCL 582 Human Sexuality
- PYCL 584 Diagnosis and Treatment of Adult Psychopathology+
- PYCL 586 Diagnosis and Treatment of Child & Adolescent Psychopathology+
- PYCL 608 Psychological Testing for Individual Evaluation#
- PYCL 612 Substance Abuse#
- PYCL 631 Career & Lifestyle Assessment
- PYCL 632 Social & Cultural Foundations of Counseling
- PYCL 635 Group Theory & Practice\*+#
- PYCL 645 Couples & Family Counseling Strategies#
- PYCL 660 Community Mental Health
- PYCL 666 Case Conceptualization & Treatment Strategies\*+#
- PYCL 669 Advanced Treatment Interventions#
- PYCL 680 Counseling Practicum #
- PYCL 681/682 Counseling Internship (2 semesters) #

\* Matriculation Course (must complete within first two semesters or 18 credits with average 3.0 GPA)

+ Practicum Pre-requisite Course

# Pre-requisite course(s) required

## PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIP

The **Clinical Experience\*** portion of the program will consist of three continuous semesters, including one semester of practicum and two semesters of internship completed at an approved agency or community placement. Students must follow all requirements and policies and procedures of the university and host agency.

**Practicum:** requires a minimum of 150 hours with 40 hours of direct client contact (approximately 10 hours per week each term; students will fulfill hours as required by their agency placement).

**Internship:** (minimum two continuous semesters consisting of 300 hours each with 120 hours per semester of direct client contact (approximately 20 hours per week each term or as specified by placement).

\*Students wishing to pursue licensure in Florida are required by the state of Florida to complete 1000 hours before beginning post-master's level supervision. These students may increase practicum and/or internship hours, add additional semesters of clinical experience, or complete remaining hours during employment or privately contracted supervision (if permitted). Students seeking licensure in other states should check that state's licensure requirements that may vary.

*\*Students entering practicum/internship training in any program may find it necessary to make special arrangements with their employer, including taking a leave of absence, to fulfill this requirement. Students will need to arrange their schedules to complete this requirement.*

Students will be required to meet all prerequisite requirements prior to beginning their practicum. Further information can be obtained at the following:

[https://sharkmedia.nova.edu/media/Practicum+101+-+Dept.+of+Counseling\\_Fall+2017/1\\_xl559fdh](https://sharkmedia.nova.edu/media/Practicum+101+-+Dept.+of+Counseling_Fall+2017/1_xl559fdh)

## COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Degree requirements for the M.S. in Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling concentration include 60 hours of coursework and successful completion of the comprehensive examination, the *Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE)*.

## I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE INFORMATION

I hereby also acknowledge that I have received the Nova Southeastern University College of Psychology Department of Counseling Policies and Procedures Handbook, which is also located at <http://psychology.nova.edu/graduate/mhc/index.html>. This handbook supplements the Nova Southeastern University Policy and Procedures Handbook, located at <http://www.nova.edu/studentaffairs/index.html>

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