



**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING  
 SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING / SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING AND EDUCATION  
 CONCENTRATIONS  
 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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 requirements. Students accepted into the substance abuse counseling or substance abuse counseling and education concentrations 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.

The curriculum for incoming students is listed below to assist you with planning. The following program is in effect for incoming students.

**Master of Science in Counseling, Substance Abuse Counseling Concentration  
 (48 credit hours)**

**Required Courses**

- PYCL 0502 ..... Counseling Theories and Practice +\*
- PYCL 0507 ..... Research and Evaluation for Counselors +\*
- PYCL 0512 ..... Human Growth and Development
- PYCL 0570 ..... Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues for Counselors +\*
- PYCL 0584 ..... Diagnosis and Treatment of Adult Psychopathology +
- PYCL 0608 ..... Psychological Testing for Individual Evaluation
- PYCL 0612 ..... Substance Abuse +
- PYCL 0631 ..... Career and Lifestyle Assessment
- PYCL 0632 ..... Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling
- PYCL 0635 ..... Group Theory and Practice
- PYCL 0645 ..... Couples and Family Counseling Strategies

**Substance Abuse Counseling Concentration Requirements (Additional 15 credits)**

- SA 0710 Foundations of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counseling in Community Settings \*
- SA 0720 Issues in Clinical Supervision
- SA 0730 Treatment of Co-occurring Disorders
- SA 0740 Psychopharmacology of Illicit and Licit Drugs +\*\*
- SA 0770 Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum I \*\*
- SA 0780 Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum II \*\* (**Elective**)

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

+ Practicum Pre-requisite Course

\*\* Must be completed with grade of B- or better

**Master of Science in Counseling, Substance Abuse Counseling and Education Concentration**  
**(60 credit hours)**

**Required Courses**

PYCL 0502 .....	Counseling Theories and Practice +*
PYCL 0507 .....	Research and Evaluation for Counselors +*
PYCL 0512 .....	Human Growth and Development
PYCL 0570 .....	Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues for Counselors +*
PYCL 0584 .....	Diagnosis and Treatment of Adult Psychopathology +
PYCL 0608 .....	Psychological Testing for Individual Evaluation
PYCL 0612 .....	Substance Abuse +
PYCL 0631 .....	Career and Lifestyle Assessment
PYCL 0632 .....	Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling
PYCL 0635 .....	Group Theory and Practice
PYCL 0645 .....	Couples and Family Counseling Strategies

**Substance Abuse Counseling and Education Concentration Requirements (Additional 27 credits)**

SA 0710	Foundations of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counseling in Community Settings *
SA 0720	Issues in Clinical Supervision
SA 0730	Treatment of Co-occurring Disorders
SA 0740	Psychopharmacology of Illicit and Licit Drugs +**
SA 0750	Prevention Programming and Education
SA 0770	Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum I **
SA 0780	Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum II **
SA 0790	Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum III **
	Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration Elective

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

+ Practicum Pre-requisite Course

\*\* Must be completed with grade of B- or better

**PRACTICUM**

The **Practicum Experience** portion of the program is completed at an approved agency or community placement. Students must follow all requirements and policies and procedures of the university and host agency.

**Substance Abuse Counseling Practicum (48 credit - one semester):** requires a minimum of 160 hours with 75 hours of direct client contact (approximately 11 hours per week; students will fulfill hours as required by their agency placement).

**Substance Abuse Counseling and Education Practica (60 credit – three consecutive semesters):** requires a minimum of 160 clock hours; 75 hours of which are direct client contact (approximately 11 hours per week each term; students fulfill hours as required by their agency placement).

Practicum placements are available throughout Florida and within the United States. The number of practica, placement sites, application procedures, start dates and other relevant information are specific to each site. Information about practicum and placements will be provided to students by the respective practicum coordinator prior to the start of this experience.

*\*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.

**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](#).

This handbook supplements the [Nova Southeastern University Policy and Procedures Handbook](#).

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**PRINT NAME**

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*(Typing your full name on this line will act as your digital signature)*

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