



AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

# Clinical Mental Health Counseling – Master’s Degree Program

Our M.Ed. program in Counselor Education with a concentration in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) is designed to prepare candidates to become able and responsive licensed and professional counselors in clinical and private practice setting. The program prepares graduates to work with clients presenting with a range of mental and emotional disorders, as well as to promote mental health and wellness. Our graduates generally seek licensure in Georgia as professional counselors and employment in community-based mental health centers, hospitals, other treatment centers, and private practice. Augusta University’s CMHC program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).



## A “Bright Outlook” Occupation!

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the occupation of Mental Health Counselors is expected to grow rapidly in the next several years. This occupation is forecast to have a 23% growth rate in Georgia! See specific labor market information on the reverse side.

## Common Job Titles

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Licensed Professional Counselor | Substance Abuse Counselor      | Addiction Counselor | Mental Health Counselor   |
| Couples and Family Counselor    | Child and Adolescent Counselor | Crisis Counselor    | Expressive Arts Counselor |

## Required Coursework 60 total credit hours

- Counselor Education Core Courses: 33 hours**
- COUN 6620 - Human Growth and Development
  - COUN 6630 - Professional Orientation and Ethics
  - COUN 6640 – Comprehensive Assessment in Counseling
  - COUN 6650 – Research and Evaluation in Counseling
  - COUN 6660 - Communication Skills in Counseling
  - COUN 6670 - Group Counseling
  - COUN 6680 - Theories and Techniques of Counseling
  - COUN 6720 - Career Development Theories and Practice
  - COUN 6760 - Diversity Sensitivity in Counseling
  - COUN 6770 - Crisis Intervention Counseling
  - COUN 6890 - Practicum in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

- CMHC Specialized Courses: 21 Hours**
- COUN 6700 - Couples and Family Counseling
  - COUN 6790 - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  - COUN 6800 - Diagnosis and Psychopathology in Counseling
  - COUN 6840 - Introduction to Addictions Counseling
  - COUN 6850 - Treatment Planning and Intervention in Counseling
  - COUN 6910 - Internship I in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  - COUN 6930 - Internship II in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Capstone)
- CMHC Electives: 6 Hours (Select 2 of the following)**
- COUN 6860 - Counseling Children and Adolescents
  - COUN 6870 - Gender Issues in Counseling
  - COUN 6950 - Problems and Issues in the Practice of Counseling
  - PSYC 6143 - Behavior Pathology
  - PSYC 6182 - Clinical and Addictive Psychopharmacology

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## Job Opportunities and Salary Information

Source: U.S. Department of Labor (2019)

	United States	Georgia	South Carolina
<b>Labor Market Demand</b>			
Total Number of Jobs in 2016	157,700	2,840	900
Projected Number of Jobs in 2026	194,200	3,490	1,140
Percent Change	+23%	+23%	+26%
*Projected Annual Job Openings	21,600	390	130
<b>Salary Information</b>			
Low	\$28,240	\$29,430	\$21,090
Median	\$44,630	\$43,320	\$36,170
High	\$72,990	\$63,910	\$61,430

\*Projected Annual Job Openings refer to the average annual job openings due to growth and net replacement.

## Overview of Admission Requirements



<b>GPA</b>	At least a 2.5 undergraduate GPA
<b>Criminal Background Check</b>	Passage of a criminal background check. See COE Graduate Program section of catalog for complete requirements.
<b>GRE or MAT Assessment</b>	<p>Acceptable scores on the GRE <u>or</u> MAT. Scores must be less than 5 years old.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate Record Exam (GRE): A minimum score of 300 on the test overall or a score of at least 146 on the verbal subtest</li> <li>Miller's Analogy Test (MAT): A minimum score of 388</li> </ul>
<b>Letters of Recommendation</b>	Applicants will include at least three professional recommendations using specified forms.
<b>Autobiographical Essay</b>	Applicants will write an autobiographical essay in which they discuss their reasons for wanting to become a counselor, what attributes they may possess which would contribute to their effectiveness as a counselor, what personal characteristics they possess that might hinder their relationships with clients, and how they are planning to address those issues. The essay must be double-spaced and three pages in length.
<b>Personal Interview</b>	The personal interview with the faculty is the final requirement for full admission into the program. Shortly after the admissions deadline, faculty will select applicants to be invited to the interview based on the quality of the previous criteria. The interview is designed to assess applicants' potential for forming effective interpersonal relationships in individual and group contexts; openness to self-examination and personal and professional growth; potential to develop knowledge, skills and dispositions in the field; potential to work effectively with diverse populations; emotional stability; receptiveness to supervision; degree to which the Program's objectives and mission are consistent with the vocational and professional goals of applicants; and the degree to which applicants display the potential for success in the counseling program and profession.

## Application Deadlines

### Spring Entry

*Standard Deadline:* November 2

### Fall Entry

*Early-Bird Deadline:* February 28

*Standard Deadline:* April 2

## Contact Information

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