



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Graduate Counseling Programs



Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
(Queens, Staten Island)

60 credits

Master of Education in School Counseling
(Queens, Staten Island)

48 credits

Master of Education in School Counseling
with Bilingual Extension

(Queens)

48 credits

Advanced Certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
(Queens)

Minimum of 24 credits

Advanced Certificate in School Counseling
(Queens)

Minimum of 12 credits

Program Description

There are three master's degree counseling programs accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) at St. John's. The programs in counselor education provide opportunities for graduate students to prepare themselves for leadership positions in counseling in a variety of settings. They provide an integrated approach to theory and practice and aim at meeting the professional educational needs of both full-time and part-time students in the urban and suburban environments that the University serves. In addition to the master's degree programs, St. John's also offers an advanced certificate in both the school and clinical mental health counseling areas. These degrees enable students who already have master's degrees in other areas of counseling to qualify in either the school counseling or clinical mental health counseling areas.

Program Benefits

The master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) fulfills the New York State (NYS) education requirements for the Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) on a limited permit, as well as the Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor trainee (CASAC-T). Upon completion of the School Counseling programs, students may obtain provisional certification as School Counselors in NYS. Students in both programs are eligible to earn their Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC) certification, as St. John's counselor programs have been approved by the National Board of Certified Counselors as a graduate student option program. Graduates of these programs emerge as leaders in the field and share our commitment to diversity, advocacy, and social justice.

Career Opportunities

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

- Hospitals and Clinics
- Private Practice

School Counseling

- K-12 Settings

Partnership/Placement

Students in the CMHC program secure field placements in a variety of settings in all boroughs of New York City and Long Island, including hospital settings, nonprofit agencies, and private practice, working with a variety of clients ranging from children to adults with various mental health disorders including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, trauma, and others. Most graduates of the CMHC enjoy immediate employment upon graduation, with the majority of our alumni being hired directly upon graduation by their internship employer.

Students in the School Counseling program may complete field experiences in public, private, and/or parochial schools at the elementary, middle, and high school levels in a large network of schools in all boroughs of New York City and Long Island. Successful internship experiences often provide networking that has resulted in a high rate of employment for school counseling graduates.

What's in it for me?

St. John's University counseling programs are taught by exceptional faculty with a passion for the field of counseling, evidence-based-practices, and research. The faculty are dedicated, caring individuals who are focused on students' success. Graduate students receive a personal approach to advising. Faculty serve as advisors and mentors for students and provide them with individualized learning experiences. Students receive theoretical and practical training and a broad skill set, aligned with the CACREP curriculum that prepares them for careers as professional counselors. As a graduate of the St. John's University counseling program, you join a growing pool of alumni who actively work in the field and who are dedicated to helping our students obtain practical, clinical, and employment opportunities.

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