



The **Master of Education** in

Counseling, Emphasis in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Strengthen personal well-being, mental and emotional health.

The clinical mental health counseling emphasis at UMSL prepares professional counselors for work in community settings, universities and businesses to serve the mental health needs of culturally diverse individuals, groups, couples and families in need. Graduates are eligible for the Missouri Licensed Professional Counselor and National Certified Counselor credentials.

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The MEd in Counseling, emphasis in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is designed to fulfill entry-level program standards of preparation and trains clinical mental health counselors for positions in a variety of settings, while enabling program graduates to apply for the Missouri License for Professional Counselors. About 95% of program graduates pass the licensing exam and more than 93% are gainfully employed in the field.

Students choose electives from areas of interest, including couples and family counseling, addictions, career counseling, multicultural counseling and play therapy, while pursuing a rigorous course of study in clinical mental health counseling.

Those interested in pursuing this degree must complete a supplemental admissions application, have two completed references on file and have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0. Admissions are conducted twice a year, with application deadlines on March 1 and October 1 for the fall and spring semesters, respectively.

Graduates are well prepared to be effective and ethical counselors in a variety of professional settings including school, community and clinical mental health settings. Graduates are self-aware and sensitive to their clients' experiences, able to skillfully construct and apply theory and techniques to fit the changing needs of clients both individually and in groups, and are proficient in understanding the human relations skills necessary to consult as part of a team effort. Additionally, graduates are prepared to help individuals meet developmental concerns and needs, are knowledgeable about career development and the use of appraisal instruments, test interpretation and their impact on individual planning, as well as research methods and research literature.

Preparing for an ever-changing world.

The College of Education at UMSL offers a variety of programs that lead to exciting and rewarding career opportunities. Our faculty, staff and community partners are committed to providing experiences to build the knowledge and skills needed for individuals to be successful in multiple educational settings and occupations. These careers include teachers, principals and district superintendents; teachers and administrators for informal education organizations like museums, zoos and nature centers; counselors and mental health professionals for schools, hospitals, corporate employee assistance programs, clinics and private settings; and postsecondary leaders and instructors for community colleges, career technical schools and four-year colleges and universities.

University of Missouri–St. Louis counseling programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs, the highest national counseling accrediting organization. The college hosts many centers and initiatives that enhance student experiences in our programs and works with more than 35 public, private and charter schools throughout the region and sponsors eight charter schools.

Serious education. Serious value.

The MEd in Counseling, emphasis in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators, practitioners and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, which is why UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

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Career Pathways

Career Counselor
Community Counselor
Family Counselor
Play Therapist
Substance Abuse Counselor

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The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs well-equipped, skilled professional counselors and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for clinical mental health counseling.