

Graduate Certificate Multicultural and Social Justice Counseling (MSJC)

Program Requirements:

A minimum of 12 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- Includes 3 credit hours of core coursework and 9 credit hours in Counseling Program multicultural cognate courses.
- The MSJC certificate may be pursued as a stand-alone credential or in conjunction with another mental health program (such as: Master's Degree in Education in counseling, the Master's in Social Work degree, the Ed.D. or the Ph.D. in Education, or the PhD in Clinical Psychology).
- With advanced planning, all 12 credits may be applied to the Master's of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree. Completion of the MSJC certificate, however, does not guarantee acceptance into any other degree program (separate applications for multiple programs are required for admission).

Application Requirements:

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Statement of Purpose: A 1-2 page essay explaining your interest in the program and why you are a strong candidate.
3. Current good standing (non-probation) in an UMSL graduate mental health practitioner training program (counseling, social work, or psychology) **OR**
 - a. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor's degree is required.
 - b. Entrance examinations:
 - i. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
 - c. Enrollment in a graduate mental health practitioner or related training program or earned Master's degree in mental health field (or related)
 - d. **Minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale**
 - e. Letters of Recommendation: 2 letters of recommendation are required from individuals who can evaluate your recent academic performance.
 - f. Personal statement: A 2 page essay explaining the applicant's personal and professional goals.

Application Deadlines:

Domestic Applicants: Fall - July 1 ♦ Spring - December 1 ♦ Summer - May 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

Application Fees:

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

Graduate Program Director:

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Advising

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