



LOYOLA
UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

Master of Science in Pastoral Counseling

This program combines a strong didactic core curriculum with an equally strong clinical practicum experience in order to prepare graduates for a career in counseling and for an opportunity to seek licensure or certification. The M.S. in Pastoral Counseling requires 66 credits; however, waivers for prior graduate-level theology/spirituality coursework may reduce this requirement to 60 or 63 credits.

Upon admission, each student's transcripts are reviewed to determine if theology course waivers are possible. Students applying to the program with a recent graduate degree in theology may be granted a waiver for both PC608 and PC665. Students with prior graduate-level coursework in theology/spirituality may be granted a waiver for PC608 and/or PC665. This waiver is dependent upon the nature of the prior coursework completed, and at the rate of three graduate credits for a three-credit course successfully completed with a B or better.

Finally, the degree requires completion of a paper which serves to integrate the student's didactic development, counseling experience, theological reflection, and personal growth.

Program of Study

Academic (42 credits)

PC650 Substance Abuse and Addictive Behaviors
PC653 Statistics and Research Methods
PC654 Career Development
PC655 Group Theory and Practice
PC670 Introduction to Pastoral Counseling
PC674 Human Development
PC675 Helping Relationships
PC676 Counseling Theory and Practice
PC678 Psychopathology
PC681 Family Counseling
PC689 Psychological Testing and Assessment
PC726 Diversity Issues in Counseling
PC778 Treatment of Psychopathology
PC808 Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues

PC670, PC675, PC676, PC678, and PC808 must be completed with a grade of B or

better in order for a student to advance into the clinical portion of the program. If a grade of B or better is not achieved in each course, additional coursework will be required in the subject area needing remediation before the student will be granted permission to proceed into clinical work. PC674 must be taken prior to or concurrent with the first clinical semester.

Clinical (12 credits)

PC661 Clinical Case Supervision I: Practicum

PC662 Clinical Case Supervision II

PC663 Clinical Case Supervision III

PC664 Clinical Case Supervision IV

Students are to obtain no less than 800 total hours of clinical experience with no less than 260 hours being client contact hours.

Theology/Spirituality (6 Credits)

PC608 Theological Anthropology

PC665 Contemporary Religious Perspectives

These courses must be waived or completed prior to taking PC700.

Integrative (6 credits)

PC690 Pro-Seminar

PC700 Pastoral Integration Seminar

In addition to the above coursework, students may take PC805 and PC806 for AAPC membership.