

Master of Arts in **COUNSELING**



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts in Counseling (MAC) prepares students for a career in the mental health professions with a firm foundation of psychological theory, research, and spiritual formation as practitioners. This program is designed to expand student knowledge and expertise in the field of counseling services while developing Christian counseling professionals for a career dedicated to improving the lives of others. This program prepares students for the challenges of the mental health profession by applying current psychological theory integrated with solid biblical principles in spirit-filled practice throughout the curriculum.

FORMAT & SCHEDULE

The 63-unit curriculum of the M.A. in Counseling consists of a series of twenty-one courses which build upon each other to achieve the program goals. All courses will run for eight weeks online and include a 12-month practicum. The courses will be both synchronous and asynchronous. For course descriptions, please see the LPU Catalog.

ABOUT LPU

SCHOOL TYPE

Private, four-year, Biblical University

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

International Church of the
Foursquare Gospel

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Semester

ACCREDITATION

WSCUC & ABHE

COST & AID (2025-26)

APPLICATION FEE

\$0

TUITION

\$745 per unit

\$46,935 tuition for program (63 units)

RESIDENCY

\$275 (per residency)

TECHNOLOGY/STUDENT SERVICES FEE

\$175 (per term)

ESTIMATED TRAVEL

\$1,250 estimated travel (per residency)

ESTIMATED BOOKS & SUPPLIES

\$1,200 (per term)

ESTIMATED PROGRAM TOTAL

\$58,510

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PROGRAM COURSES (63 UNITS)

PSYC 500	Spiritual Disciplines in Counseling	3 units
PSYC 520	Introduction to Clinical Skills	3 units
PSYC 505	Lifespan Human Development	3 units
PSYC 515	Assessments, Diagnostics & Treatment Planning	3 units
PSYC 510	Counseling & Psychotherapeutic Theories and Techniques	3 units
PSYC 525	Trauma-Informed Counseling	3 units
PSYC 521	Advanced Clinical Skills	3 units
PSYC 530	Law & Ethics	3 units
PSYC 535	Theories in Human Sexuality	3 units
PSYC 540	Child & Adolescent Counseling	3 units
PSYC 600	Multicultural Counseling	3 units
PSYC 605	Couples & Family Counseling	3 units
PSYC 630	Practicum (includes consultation)	3 units
PSYC 610	Group Counseling	3 units
PSYC 615	Addictions Counseling	3 units
PSYC 620	Career Development	3 units
PSYC 631	Internship I	3 units
PSYC 640	Psychopharmacology & Psychobiology	3 units
PSYC 635	Research Evaluation & Methods	3 units
PSYC 625	Christian Counseling within the Church	3 units
PSYC 632	Practicum II	3 units

CAREER PATHS

Career Paths - Possible careers include Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Case Manager, Family Resource Coordinator, Youth Services Specialist, Behavior Specialist, Human Relations Counselor, Pastoral Counselor, and Teacher. According to a recent survey by Career One Stop, this profession is likely to grow much faster than average and the average yearly salary for this profession in the United States ranges from \$33,140 - \$92,930 depending on the geographic location.

As a Professional Clinical Counselor, there is an option to exercise portability of one's license to alternate states. Oftentimes, students feel that the pursuit of a degree and license binds them to a particular state, in this case California. To clarify, that is not the case. There are certain requirements for each state and licensees can have an opportunity to seek career opportunities in geographic locations outside of California.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Master of Arts in Counseling Program will be able to:

+ Assessment & Diagnosis

Utilize effective skills in evidence-based assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental disorders and behavioral needs across the lifespan.

+ Law & Ethics

Implement legal and ethical decision-making processes in the practice of psychotherapy within a clinical and biblical worldview.

+ Theory & Practice

Apply theoretical concepts to therapeutic issues in relation to individuals, couples, and families.

+ Diversity & Culture

Examine the complexity of cross-cultural issues and the interventions that address these challenges.

+ Formation & Integration

Formulate a process of integrating psychology and Christianity and connecting each aspect of the human person with God's grace, redemption, and purpose.

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