

Clinical Counseling



Clinical and Counseling Studies Certificate

Question

How will I know if this is the way I should go?

Answer

If you are interested in a career in clinical and counseling psychology, community psychology, school psychology or pastoral counseling, a certificate in Clinical and Counseling Studies is for you. This program is designed to provide a deeper and more interdisciplinary undergraduate foundation for future clinical and counseling work than that usually found in a single helping professions discipline. You can easily add this certificate to an existing and relevant major such as psychology, social work, education, Bible and religion, or business.

In addition, the certificate program helps to prepare you for entry into and successful completion of Masters and Ph.D. programs in counseling and psychology.

Question

What are some course requirements?

Answer

These three courses are required:

- Theory and Practice of Counseling
- Interpersonal Negotiation and Mediation
- Skills for Human Service Work

In addition, to earn a certificate you must complete other courses in psychology and education as well as an internship (e.g., Clinical Counseling Practicum or Field Experience).



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Question

What kind of practical experience will I get as a student?

Answer

As part of this program, you will have the opportunity to apply what you have learned in the classroom to a real world helping profession setting. You will work with your professor to develop a placement that matches your personal interests, such as mental health, developmental disabilities, youth and family services, or substance abuse.

In recent years, students in this certificate program have held internships at

- Prairie View Mental Health Services, Newton
- United Methodist Youthville, Newton
- ResCare, Newton
- Mirror, Inc. (substance abuse treatment services)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Special Needs

Question

What can I expect after graduation?

Answer

The Clinical and Counseling Studies Certificate improves your possibilities of obtaining relevant work after graduation (e.g., mental health technician or case management). The coursework also prepares you to continue in graduate programs in the helping professions.

In addition to graduate work in areas like professional counseling, past graduates have pursued careers as mental health workers and psychiatric research associates.



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