CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, M.S.Ed.

Welcome to the Department of Counseling & School Psychology at UNK! We are excited that you are interested in a career in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. The CMHC program is designed to prepare students for employment at the entry level as a professional counselor in diverse community settings such as community mental health, treatment centers, and corrections. Graduates of the program are prepared to provide:

- Individual, group, career, couples and family counseling.
- Inpatient and outpatient care.
- Assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illness.
- Emergency/crisis response.
- Client and public policy advocacy.
- Prevention education.
- Social, emotional and mental health services for needs of a diverse population.

ACCREDITATION

One of only two programs in Nebraska that is nationally accredited by CACREP.

- Meets the highest educational standards for clinical training and supervision.
- Most state licensure regulations across the country require CACREP approved training.
- Recognized by TRICARE for provider status.

Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs

CACREP

International Registry of Counselor Education Programs

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LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

The CACREP-accredited UNK Clinical Mental Health Counseling program prepares graduates for the following professional certification and licensure:

- Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC)
- NE Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- NE Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP)
- NE Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP)
- NE Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor (LADC)

Graduates are eligible for these credentials after successfully passing the appropriate exams and completing required post-degree supervised counseling experiences.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

We are looking forward to learning more about you and your interest in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. The faculty would be glad to talk with you about the counseling program and profession. Come learn with us!

For detailed information about the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program and admission procedures visit our website:

aaunk.unk.edu/gradcatalogs/current/prog/progcsp.asp

Contact us now:

Check out the CSP-UNK Facebook group facebook.com/unkcsp

online: unk.edu/csp

Call us at 1-800-Keyne

TO APPLY

To apply, please visit Graduate Admissions on the UNK website:

unk.edu/academics/gradstudies/Graduate_Studies___Research/

or email Dr. Grace A. Mims, CSP Department Chair

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Advance Your Career
DEPARTMENT STRENGTHS

- Our Students – we attract outstanding graduate students.
- Our Faculty:
  - Licensed and certified faculty with clinical experience in mental health agencies, private practice, in-patient, and out-patient mental health programs, schools, and college student affairs.
  - Nationally and internationally renowned faculty members offer a wide range of interests and expertise.
  - Commitment to professional and personal development of students.
  - Foster and mentor student involvement in professional associations, membership, leadership, presentations, and publications.
- Nationally and internationally accredited.
- State of the art, on-site clinic for counselor training that involves client sessions, live and post hoc supervision, reflecting teams, and field-based experiences.
- Flexible course scheduling to accommodate students who are employed full-time including evening, blended, on-line and video conferencing courses.
- Successful history of career placement of interns and graduates.
- Active chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, the international counseling honorary society.

CMHC COURSEWORK

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is a 60-hour Master of Science in Education degree. Theoretical and clinical issues you will study while training to be a professional counselor include:

- Introduction to Counseling & Social Advocacy
- Research Methods in Psychology & Education
- Techniques of Counseling
- Multicultural Counseling
- Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental/Emotional Disorders
- Theories of Counseling
- Child & Adolescent Development & Interventions*
- Adult Development*
- Ethical/Legal Issues in CMHC*
- Professional Issues in CMHC*
- Clinical Treatment Issues in Addictions Counseling*
- Career and Lifestyle Development*
- Appraisal & Evaluation of Individuals & Systems*
- Administration & Consultation in CMHC
- Group Counseling
- Marriage and Family Counseling
- Practicum in CMHC
- Advanced Practicum in CMHC
- Internship in CMHC*

* Alternate offerings of course in video conference, blended or on-line format.

**Prerequisite Course: Abnormal Psychology (appropriate coursework or documented experience)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Graduate students at UNK are eligible to apply for the Stafford Student Loan and the Federal Work Study Programs.
- Scholarships are also available to graduate students.
- Graduate assistantships providing ten-month stipends are available on a competitive basis to candidates admitted to a graduate program.

THE GRADUATE FACULTY

The UNK Counseling and School Psychology Department offers experienced faculty with outstanding professional records fully engaged in professional development through research, teaching, clinical supervision, clinical practice, and service. The faculty is committed to preparing ethically and culturally competent professional counselors.

Carmelo Callueng, Ph.D., NCSP
Graduate Lecturer
Special Interests: Temperament of children cross-nationally, Psychological Measurement, Cross-cultural Research Methodology, Adaptive Behavior, School-based Mental Health Services

Christine Chasek, Ph.D., LIMHP, LIPC, LADC
Assistant Professor
Special Interests: Addiction Counseling, Research Design, Statistics, Clinical Supervision

Julie A. Dinsmore, Ed.D, LMHP, LPC, NCC, NE K-12 Certified School Counselor
Professor
Special Interests: Multicultural Counseling, Advocacy, Systemic Change Related to Diversity, School Counseling

David D. Hof, Ed.D., LIMHP, LIPC, NCC
Professor
Special Interests: Career Counseling, Accreditation Process, Counseling High Risk Adolescents, Sex Offender Counseling, Disaster Mental Health

Max McFarland, Ed.D., NCSP
Professor
Special Interests: Internationalization of School Psychology, Accreditation, K-12 Standards and Accountability Framework, Professional Ethics

Grace Ann Mims, Ph.D., LIMHP, LIPC, LMFT-SD, NCC, ACS
Professor, Department Chair
Special Interests: Couples and Family Counseling, Group Counseling, Multicultural Counseling, Professional Counseling Ethics and Regulation, Women’s Issues

Matthew Mims, Ed.D., LMHP, LPC, NCC,
NE K-12 Certified School Counselor
Associate Professor, Counselor Education Program Chair
Special Interests: School /Career Counseling, Student Affairs, Advocacy/Multicultural Counseling

Tammi Ohmstede, Ph.D., NCSP
Associate Professor, School Psychology Program Chair
Special Interests: Early Childhood Service Delivery, Behavioral Parent Training, Parent/Teacher Consultation, Data-Based Decision Making

Douglas Tillman, Ph.D., LIMHP, LPC, NCC
Assistant Professor
Special Interests: Spirituality, Theories of Counseling, Clinical Supervision, Multicultural Counseling, Group Counseling