The University of Tennessee buzzes with energy, ideas, and optimism. Great professors and students from throughout the world live and work in a friendly, safe campus community located in scenic East Tennessee. The campus and its signature “Hill” lure students with green space, nearby lakes, and vistas of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Students enjoy provocative speakers, great entertainers and artists, a first-class research library, a technology-rich infrastructure, great local music and recreation, nationally competitive athletic teams, and abundant opportunities for community service.

Application Assistance

For application assistance please contact:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1ST.

Together we will make the world a better place for persons in need.

Program Objectives

After completion of the Mental Health Counseling Program, graduates will:

1. Score higher than the national average on the National Counselor Exam (NCE) in each of the eight content areas: helping/counseling relationships, human growth and development, social and cultural foundations, group work, career and life style development, appraisal, research and program evaluation, professional orientation and ethics.
2. Score higher than the national average on the NCE in each of the five work behavior areas: fundamentals of counseling, assessment and career counseling, group counseling, programmatic and clinical interventions, professional practice issues.
3. Obtain and maintain placement/employment in an appropriate mental health counseling agency or practice, or succeed in doctoral graduate education.
4. Practice effective and efficient counseling.
5. Provide necessary and effective accountability and advocacy for counseling services.
6. Consistently provide counseling services within the laws and ethics governing the counseling profession.
7. Effectively advocate for and consult on behalf of clients, and be effective agents of social changes that positively impact the lives of potential clients.
8. Qualify for certification by the National Board of Certified Counselors.
9. Qualify for mental health counselor license eligibility with mental health service provider status.
10. Qualify for membership on necessary managed care panels that provide insurance for mental health counseling by licensed professional counselors.

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Master’s Program

Preparing excellent, self-aware counselor practitioners & scholars to serve in agencies that provide counseling services...
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program

Our graduates are self-aware counselors and scholars whose lifelong learning continually informs their service, practice, and development. The program of study includes at least 1000 hours of closely supervised practicum and internship counseling experiences in clinical settings. Each student’s program is customized to support her or his goals as well as to provide a common core of counselor preparation. Graduates of the program will have completed the educational and graduate clinical requirements for the National Counselors Exam and for licensure in Tennessee and across most states. The faculty provides a rigorous, experiential, practical education, aimed at maximizing the professional and personal development of our graduates.

Areas of Specialization

Children and Adolescents
Substance Abuse and Addictions
Marriage and Family
Women’s Issues
Health and Wellness
Justice System and Offender Services
Gerontology

Criteria for Evaluation of Prospective Clinical Mental Health Counseling Students

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university or college.
- Fitness for the program including self-awareness, emotional maturity, and interests, as well as work, life and volunteer experience.
- Preference given to applicants with academic potential demonstrated through a strong GPA; consideration can be given to GPA in last 60 hours of undergraduate in special circumstances; and strong GRE scores in the Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytic scales.
- Potential and motivation for excellence, leadership, advocacy, and healing therapeutic relationships.

What You Can Expect

- High Standards, experiential learning, and self-development for practical application.
- Special expertise for counseling troubled children, youth and families, as well as a wide-range of persons in need across all ages.
- Specialized course work and internship opportunities in play therapy.

Application Process

1. Review the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program webpage. At www.utk.edu, find Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program in the A-Z list or search within the site for Mental Health Counseling Program.

2. Review the Frequently Asked Questions link on our webpage. Contact Program Coordinator, Dr. Cochran, or Administrative Assistant, Ms. DuVoisin, as needed – we are glad to help with your questions.

3. Follow the Application link on our web page. Your online application begins with the UT Graduate School.