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## How to Apply

Applications are due each year on February 1 for fall or summer admissions.

Application requirements can be found on the websites listed below.

## Contact Us

### Clinical Mental Health Counseling

#### Website

[epc.utk.edu/clinical-mental-health-counseling/](http://epc.utk.edu/clinical-mental-health-counseling/)

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## Earn an MS in Counseling

Clinical Mental  
Health Counseling  
School Counseling



# Clinical Mental Health Counseling

We aim to make the world a better place for persons in need through educating excellent counselor-scholars. Our graduates excel in providing healing therapeutic relationships, optimally efficient and effective counseling services, and leading our field to better help persons in need through their work in clinical mental health counseling settings and beyond.



# School Counseling

The program prepares students to become a professional school counselor within preK-12 schools in Tennessee and most states. Our students learn about their role as a leader within a data-driven comprehensive, developmental school counseling program as supported by the TN Model for School Counseling and the ASCA National Model®.

## About our Programs

The Master of Science degree in counseling offers two concentration programs - clinical mental health counseling and school counseling. Each program requires 60 credit hours and can be completed in two years, including summer semesters. Courses are offered face-to-face in a high-energy, open-door, positive learning environment.

### Program Features

- Long-standing CACREP accreditation that adds rigor to your professional preparation
- Dual-track licensure preparation – an optional, (post admission, selection by faculty after application review) three-year, 63-credit sequence allowing candidates to complete all educational requirements and internships in both clinical mental health and school settings for Licensure as a Professional Counselor (LPC) and Licensure as a School Counselor in TN
- Faculty members who are moving the counseling profession forward by writing cutting-edge articles and books and are highly involved in professional organizations, such as Chi Sigma Iota International, American Counseling Association, and Tennessee Counseling Association
- Departmental outreach programs to enhance your learning and skills:
  - FUTURE Postsecondary Education Program (FUTURE)
  - Grief Outreach Initiative (GOI)
  - Imagining Possibilities (IP)

### Personal Opportunities

- Establish a network of counseling professional relationships that are sustained beyond graduation
- Create a counselor-first identity, focusing on the skills needed for effective counseling across different types of sites
- Work with faculty on research, advocacy, and professional development projects
- Join an award-winning Upsilon Theta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, an international honor society focused on promoting academic and professional excellence in counseling

### Core Values

Throughout our program we work toward culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate, and ethical relationships. This is accomplished by embracing our core values, our CORIS:

- Commitment
- Openness
- Respect
- Integrity
- Self-awareness

