MA in Counseling

The Edinboro University of PA Counseling programs provide courses of study leading to a Master of Arts degree in Counseling with emphases in school counseling, college counseling, rehabilitation counseling, clinical mental health counseling and art therapy. Edinboro University is proud to be one of the first universities in the nation to offer a dual Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling master’s program. Students may also earn MA Counseling degrees with other dual emphases (e.g. School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling), and are advised to contact the Graduate Program Head. Students may also elect to concurrently enter the MA in Counseling program and the Post-master’s certificate in Art Therapy program. School counseling, college counseling, and clinical mental health counseling are all CACREP accredited. Rehabilitation counseling is accredited by CORE. The Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is dually accredited by CORE and CACREP. Art therapy is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation.

Overarching Mission Statement. The students and faculty of the Counseling Programs at Edinboro University are a diverse community of learners collaboratively engaged in research, scholarship, leadership and service. Faculty are committed to providing developmentally sound academic and clinical experiences to educate counselors to be effective leader-practitioners in a pluralistic society. Collectively, our mission is to prepare professional counselors who embody ethical behavior, provide services to enhance the mental health and well-being of families, groups, couples, and individuals, and advocate on behalf of both the counseling profession and those who are served.

Admission Requirements and Procedures: Visit the [Graduate School webpage](#) and click the “Apply” link on the left side of the screen. Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the “account” link on the Apply page. CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email help@collegenet.com.

Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:

1. Complete the online application.
2. Pay an application fee of $30.
3. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
4. Provide three letters of reference
5. Provide a writing sample (500 words) addressing one of the following topics:
   a. Why you chose to be a counselor
   b. The most important characteristics of a counselor
6. A personal interview, if notified by the department

Additional Requirements for Admission to the Art Therapy Concentration:

1. A link to an online portfolio (ex. flickr, dropbox, snapfish) of 20 images of applicant’s art.
2. Psychology Credits: (12) graduate or undergraduate credits in Introduction to Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Personality Theories, and Developmental Psychology are preferred. Twelve credits must be taken before candidacy.
3. Studio Art credits: (18) graduate or undergraduate credits in 2 and 3-D studio art areas. Twelve credits must be completed before art therapy courses may be taken. Six credits can be taken in the first year of the program, but must be finished before candidacy. Six credits can be done as portfolio approval.

For full consideration the application for a fall semester start must be received by February 15th; late applications will be considered on a space available basis until April 1st. Spring semester application must be received by October 15th; late applications will be considered on a space available basis until November 15th. An advance tuition deposit of $150 shall be paid by all new students in the MA Counseling program. This deposit is required within two weeks of an offer of admission to the Graduate School. This student deposit is a guarantee of the
Curriculum (All concentrations except Art Therapy)

All Counseling Programs Required Core 30 cr. hrs.
COUN 705 Group Processes
COUN 710 Appraisal Techniques in the Helping Professions
COUN 712 Human Development Across the Lifespan
COUN 715 Career Development and Life Planning
COUN 720 Counseling and Consultation Theories
COUN 725 Organization and Development of Programs in the Helping Professions
COUN 730 Supervised Counseling Practice
COUN 735 Counseling Practicum
COUN 745 Multicultural Counseling
COUN 794 Research Seminar in Guidance and Counseling OR EDUC 788 Research in Education

A. College Counseling Specialized Courses 30 cr. hrs.
COUN 700 Introduction to the Helping Professions
COUN 707 Ethical and Professional Issues in Counseling
COUN 750 Study of the Individual in Higher Education
COUN 752 Law in Postsecondary Higher Education
COUN 753 Student Affairs Practice and Administration
COUN 755 Clinical Diagnosis and Intervention OR COUN 756 Counseling the College Student
COUN 795 Internship in Counseling*
Elective Courses (2)

B. Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialized Courses 30 cr. hrs.
COUN 704 Clinical Mental Health Counseling
COUN 754 Family Counseling
COUN 755 Clinical Diagnosis and Intervention
COUN 757 Child and Adolescent Counseling
COUN 791 Crisis and Addictions Counseling
COUN 795 Internship in Counseling*
Elective Courses (3)

C. Clinical Rehabilitation and Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialized Courses 33 cr. hrs.
COUN 702 Introduction to Rehabilitation Counseling
COUN 754 Family Counseling
COUN 755 Clinical Diagnosis and Intervention
COUN 757 Child and Adolescent Counseling
COUN 780 Medical Information for the Helping Professions
COUN 782 Vocational Development, Services and Resources in Rehabilitation
COUN 784 Psychosocial Aspects of Disabilities
COUN 788 Case Management, Rehabilitation Services, and Resources in Rehabilitation
COUN 791 Crisis and Addictions Counseling
COUN 795 Internship in Counseling*

D. School Counseling Specialized Courses 30 cr. hrs.
COUN 700 Introduction to the Helping Professions
COUN 707 Ethical and Professional Issues in Counseling
COUN 740 Individual Development: Childhood through Adolescence
COUN 742 Developmental Counseling in Schools
COUN 744 Techniques for Counseling the Student with a Disability
COUN 795 Internship in Counseling*
Elective Courses (3)
Curriculum (Art Therapy Concentration)

Core Courses 33 cr. hrs.

- COUN 710 Appraisal Techniques in the Helping Professions
- COUN 712 Human Development across the Lifespan
- COUN 715 Career Development and Life Planning
- COUN 720 Counseling and Consultation Theories
- COUN 730 Supervised Counseling Practice
- COUN 735 Counseling Practicum
- COUN 745 Multicultural Counseling
- COUN 755 Diagnosis and Assessment
- COUN 794 Research Seminar in Guidance and Counseling OR EDUC 788 Research in Education
- COUN 795 Internship in Counseling*

Required Specialized Courses 27 cr. hrs.

- ARTT 710 History and Theory of Art Therapy
- ARTT 720 Media and Materials in Art Therapy
- ARTT 730 Art Therapy Practice and Assessment
- ARTT 735 Clinical and Group Art Therapy
- ARTT 740 Professional Functioning, Standards, and Ethics in Art Therapy
- ARTT 750 Current Trends in Art Therapy
- ARTT 760 International Art Therapy
- ARTT 790 Research Project in Art Therapy

*All internship courses, whether in an online or campus-based program, will be charged at the on-campus rate.

Degree Requirements:

Candidacy- Because of the nature of the role of the professional counselor, degree candidates of the programs must demonstrate such qualities as genuineness, warmth, empathy, ethics, professionalism, and interpersonal skills. Students will be evaluated on Knowledge, Skills and Dispositions necessary for professionals at various transition points through the program. Candidacy is the first point where these qualities will be formally evaluated. Both the individual student and faculty will have input into this evaluation. Review of the Application for Admission to Candidacy is seen as very important and this review will include interpersonal skills as well as academic progress. The advisor presents the candidacy application for program staff recommendation. A degree student may not be admitted to Candidacy until (1) at least 12 semester hours of degree credit have been completed, (2) an Application for Admission to Candidacy has been filed with the advisor, and (3) the student has made satisfactory progress in her or his degree program (minimum of a 3.0 QPA).

Comprehensive Exams- The student must satisfactorily complete a comprehensive examination. Specific requirements for the comprehensive exams are outlined in the Counseling Advisement Guide, which will be made available to each student.

Culminating Project- A Master’s Project or Thesis is required for graduation. Additional information concerning this requirement can be found in the Counseling Advisement Guide.

Internship- All degree seeking students must complete an internship. All students must have completed all core required courses in the area of specialty unless otherwise approved by the advisor and instructor. Generally speaking, the internship hours must be completed within the time frame of the 15 week semester. Thus, the interns would be on-site 40 hours per week (15 x 40=600). The student must make the necessary plans and arrangements in order to complete an internship. The Internship Manual contains more information regarding the internship experience. NOTE: Graduate assistantships are NOT available during internship. NOTE: Students may opt to divide the internship over two semesters. Students should discuss this option with their advisors. Additional information on 300 hours internships can be found in the Internship Manual.

For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the <program name>, please contact Dr. Adrienne Dixon at (814) 732-1932 (amdixon@edinboro.edu).
Office for Students with Disabilities: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the OSD web page.

Graduate Assistantships: Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

Financial Aid Considerations: An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to $20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or finaid@edinboro.edu.

Employer Reimbursement: Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

Veterans' Education Benefits: Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, http://www.gibill.va.gov/. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is an equal opportunity education institution and employer and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and disability in its activities, programs or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504, and the ADA. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact the Office of Human Resources and Faculty Relations, (814) 732-2703 or the Office of Social Equity (814) 732-2167, Reeder Hall, 219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444.

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