

# COUNSELING, MDIV/MA JOINT DEGREE

This degree is for students seeking to enter vocations in religious leadership with skills both in theology and counseling. Students enrolled in the joint degree program can complete the requirements for both the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Counseling degrees in four years instead of the five years needed if each program is undertaken separately. The curriculum meets the accrediting standards for each degree program. The joint degree program is designed to ensure that students meet the educational requirements for licensure as professional counselors in North Carolina and most other states.

## Requirements

### Plan of Study and Requirements

Students in the joint degree program spend the first two years of the four year program enrolled in courses in the School of Divinity. During these first two years, students complete on average 50-53 credit hours of required courses, required electives and general electives. The second internship required for the MDiv curriculum is deferred until the second year of the counseling program. Joint degree students are required to complete through an ACPE accredited program a basic unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Students generally meet the CPE requirement in a summer session during their first two years of the program. Guidelines for applying CPE credit toward the degree can be obtained through the Office of Academic Affairs. The introductory CPE unit and CNS 738A/CNS 738B, the counseling practicum, satisfy the MDiv internship placement requirements.

Students spend the second two years of the joint program satisfying requirements for the Master of Arts in Counseling.

As part of the joint degree program, students are required to complete a series of one-hour capstone courses that emphasize intersections between theology and counseling. Joint degree students are expected to complete these courses beginning in their third year of the four year program. The capstone courses are offered through the School of Divinity.

Upon successful completion of the joint degree requirements, students receive both the Master of Divinity and the Master of Arts in Counseling degrees.

## Degree Requirements

Students are required to complete 53 hours toward the Master of Divinity Degree.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Biblical Studies</b>		
BIB 521	Old Testament Interpretation I	3
BIB 522	Old Testament Interpretation II	3
BIB 541	Introduction to New Testament	3
BIB 542	Interpreting New Testament Letters	3
or BIB 543	Interpreting New Testament Gospels	
Biblical Studies elective		3
<b>Historical and Theological Studies</b>		
HIS 501	History of Christianity	3

HIS 502	History of Christianity II	3
THS 501	Christian Theology	3
Theology elective		3
THS 521	Foundations of Christian Ethics	3
or THS 522	History of Theological Ethics	
<b>Ministerial Studies</b>		
MIN 501	Art of Ministry I: Introduction to the Life and Work of Ministry	2
Relational Care		3
Capstone Requirement:		
MIN 710	Topics in Psychology of Religion	
MIN 711	Topics in Spiritual Development	
MIN 712	Topics in Pastoral Theology	
Clinical Pastoral Education		5
Choose any 4 credit hours from the following:		4
Proclamation (1-3h)		
Community Building (1-3h)		
Formation (1-3h)		
<b>Electives</b>		
Select at least 6 hours of divinity electives		6
<b>Counseling (CNS) Required Courses</b>		
CNS 721	Research and Statistical Analysis in Counseling	3
CNS 736	Appraisal Procedures for Counselors	3
CNS 737	Basic Counseling Skills and Techniques	3
CNS 739	Advanced Counseling Skills and Crisis Management	3
CNS 740	Professional Orientation to Counseling	3
CNS 741	Theories and Models of Counseling	3
CNS 742	Group Procedures in Counseling	3
CNS 743	Career Development and Counseling	3
CNS 747	Cultures and Counseling	3
CNS 748	Life Span Development: Implications for Counseling	3
CNS 750	The Vienna Theorists-Freud, Adler, Moreno and Frankl	3
CNS 773	Family Counseling	3
CNS 780	Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling	2
CNS 786	Consultation and Program Development in Counseling	2
CNS 790	Professional Identity Capstone Course	2
<b>Clinical Courses</b>		
CNS 738A	Counseling Practicum - School	3
or CNS 738B	Counseling Practicum - Clinical Mental Health	
CNS 744A	Counseling Internship I A. School	2,3
or CNS 744B	Counseling Internship I: Clinical Mental Health	
CNS 745A	Counseling Internship II A. School	2,3
or CNS 745B	Counseling Internship II: Clinical Mental Health	
<b>Program Specialty Courses</b>		
Select 9 hours of Community Counseling Program Specialty Courses:		9
CNS 746	Counseling Children	

CNS 749	School Guidance and Counseling
CNS 760	Issues in School Counseling
CNS 762	Issues in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
CNS 770	Classification of Mental and Emotional Disorders
CNS 771	Clinical Mental Health Counseling

## **Policies and Procedures**

### **Continuing Eligibility**

Satisfactory academic progress in the Master of Arts in Counseling portion of the program is defined as maintaining a B or better grade point average. Expectations of personal and professional behaviors and/or attitudes are outlined in the Department of Counseling “Evaluation and Continuation Policy.” Continuing eligibility in the Master of Divinity program is outlined in the School of Divinity’s Continuing Eligibility Policy.