

COUNSELING, MDIV/MA DUAL DEGREE

This program is for students seeking to enter vocations in religious leadership with skills both in theology and counseling. Students enrolled in the dual 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 dual 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 dual 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. Dual degree students are required to complete a basic unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) through an ACPE accredited program. 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 dual program satisfying requirements for the Master of Arts in Counseling.

As part of the dual degree program, students are required to complete a series of one-hour capstone courses that emphasize intersections between theology and counseling. Dual 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 dual 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
Biblical Studies		
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
Historical and Theological Studies		
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	
Ministerial Studies		
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	1
MIN 711	Topics in Spiritual Development	1
MIN 712	Topics in Pastoral Theology	1
Clinical Pastoral Education		5
Choose any 4 credit hours from the following:		4
Proclamation (1-3h)		
Community Building (1-3h)		
Formation (1-3h)		
Electives		
Select at least 6 hours of divinity electives		6
Counseling (CNS) Required Courses		
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
Clinical Courses		
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	
Program Specialty Courses		
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	Case Formulation and Treatment Planning 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.