



## Master of Science Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Northern Kentucky University's CMHC program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), ensuring students receive a quality educational experience.

The clinical mental health counseling curriculum at NKU meets the educational requirements for initial licensure as a professional counselor in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and 43 other states.

### Admission Requirements

- Online application
- Bachelors degree with GPA 2.75 or better
- Official transcripts
- Supplemental application
- Writing sample
- 3 letters of recommendation
  
- *Students with an undergraduate GPA under 3.0 will be required to supply GRE scores*

### Program Admissions

To begin in summer or fall, all materials should be received by:

- Priority Deadline: February 1
- Final Deadline: April 1
  - *Applications received after April 1 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis*

To begin in spring, all materials should be received by:

- Priority Deadline: October 1
- Final Deadline: November 1

NKU's Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) is an accredited, 60-semester-hour program designed to prepare individuals to provide counseling services to children, adolescents, and adults in private practice, community, and agency settings. Graduates are equipped to help individuals navigate normal life challenges, as well as those struggling with more severe interpersonal and mental health difficulties.

## Why Clinical Mental Health Counseling at NKU?

**Experienced faculty:** NKU's counselor educators bring significant clinical experience to the classroom, having worked in private practices, residential treatment, community agency, school, and hospital settings. Nearly 85% of the mental health counseling faculty actively engage in clinical practice, providing students relevant, real-world learning experiences.

**Mentorship opportunities:** The program's core team of counselor educators teaches more than 95% of courses, affording students abundant opportunities to develop mentoring relationships.

**Program flexibility:** The CMHC program accommodates both full-time and part-time students with classes typically scheduled Monday through Thursday evenings.

**Student-centered placements:** In preparation for practicum and internship experiences, the program's clinical coordinator assesses each student's learning needs and organizes placements with a diverse array of mental health centers in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.

**Recent graduate employment:** The program's job placement rate exceeds 90%. Graduates of our program have acquired positions at a variety of mental health agencies, including but not limited to:

- Children's Home of Northern Kentucky
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services
- NorthKey Community Care
- Community Mental Health Center
- Holly Hill Child & Family Solutions
- Lifeline Youth and Family
- Services
- Child Focus