

Master of Arts in **COUNSELING**



LIFE PACIFIC
UNIVERSITY



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Arts in Counseling (MAC) prepares students for a career in the mental health professions with a firm foundation of psychological theory, research, and spiritual formation as practitioners. This program is designed to expand student knowledge and expertise in the field of counseling services while developing Christian counseling professionals for a career dedicated to improving the lives of others. This program prepares students for the challenges of the mental health profession by applying current psychological theory integrated with solid biblical principles in spirit-filled practice throughout the curriculum. Instructors are scholars, practitioners, and people of faith, offering both academic and practical guidance. Built on a cohort model, the program facilitates long-term relationships, supportive growth, and guided professional development. The students will research their state's guidelines for licensure. Students will acquire the knowledge and skill to assess, diagnose, and treat patients with mental health or other emotional, social and/or behavioral needs. This online counseling degree will also prepare students who desire a state license as professional clinical counselors. Students pursuing licensing will need to follow the requirements for their state and academic requirements established by the National Board for Certified Counselors for the National Certified Counselor (NCC).

FORMAT + SCHEDULE

The 60-unit curriculum of the M.A. in Counseling consists of a series of twenty-one courses which build upon each other to achieve the program goals. All courses will run for eight weeks online and include a 12-month practicum. The courses will be both synchronous and asynchronous. For course descriptions, please see the LPU Catalog.

ABOUT LPU

SCHOOL TYPE

Private, four-year, Biblical University

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

International Church of the
Foursquare Gospel

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Year-Round

ACCREDITATION

WSCUC + ABHE

COST & AID (2023-24)

APPLICATION FEE

\$35

TUITION

\$730 per unit (60-unit program)
\$14,600 annually (3yr program)

RESIDENCY

\$275 (per residency)

ESTIMATED TRAVEL

\$1,250 estimated travel (per residency)

ESTIMATED BOOKS & SUPPLIES

\$1,200

ESTIMATED PROGRAM TOTAL

\$43,920

*Scholarships & Financial Aid Available

CONTACT US

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COUNSELING

CORE COURSES (60 UNITS)

PSYC 500	Spiritual Disciplines in Counseling (Residency + 4 weeks)	3 units
PSYC 510	Counseling and Psychotherapeutic Theories & Techniques I	3 units
PSYC 505	Lifespan Human Development	3 units
PSYC 515	Assessment Instruments & Techniques	3 units
PSYC 535	Diagnostic Testing & Treatment Planning	3 units
PSYC 625	Christian Counseling within the Church	3 units
PSYC605	Couples & Family Counseling	3 units
PSYC 600	Cross-Cultural Counseling	3 units
PSYC 610	Group Counseling (Residency + 4 weeks)	3 units
PSYC 635	Research Evaluation & Methods	3 units
PSYC 530	Law & Ethics (Residency + 4 weeks)	3 units
PSYC 640	Psychopharmacology & Psychobiology	3 units
PSYC 615	Addictions Counseling	3 units
PSYC 525	Trauma-Informed Counseling	3 units
PSYC 511	Counseling and Psychotherapeutic Theories & Techniques II	3 units
PSYC 620	Career Development	3 units
PSYC 520	Introduction to Clinical Skills	3 units
PSYC 521	Advanced Clinical Skills	3 units
PSYC 630	Practicum I	3 units
PSYC 631	Practicum II	3 units
PSYC 632	Practicum III	1 unit

*Course requirements may change. Please refer to the current university catalog for the most up-to-date curriculum information.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed applications (including transcripts and supporting documents) are due by November 15th for January cohort enrollment and May 15th for July cohort enrollment. Admissions decisions on completed applications are made within approximately two weeks.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Text your questions to
(909) 706-3012

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Online MAC Program will be able to:

- + Assessment & Diagnosis**
Utilize effective skills in evidence-based assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental disorders and behavioral needs across the lifespan.
- + Law & Ethics**
Implement legal and ethical decision-making processes in the practice of psychotherapy within a clinical and biblical worldview.
- + Theory & Practice**
Apply theoretical concepts to therapeutic issues in relation to individuals, couples, and families.
- + Diversity & Culture**
Examine the complexity of cross-cultural issues and the interventions that address these challenges.
- + Formation & Integration**
Formulate a process of integrating psychology and Christianity and connecting each aspect of the human person with God's grace, redemption, and purpose.

CAREER PATHS

Career Paths - Possible careers include Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Case Manager, Family Resource Coordinator, Youth Services Specialist, Behavior Specialist, Human Relations Counselor, Pastoral Counselor, and Teacher. According to a recent survey by Career One Stop, this profession is likely to grow much faster than average and the average yearly salary for this profession in the United States ranges from \$33,140 - \$92,930 depending on the geographic location.

As a Professional Clinical Counselor, there is an option to exercise portability of one's license to alternate states. Oftentimes, students feel that the pursuit of a degree and license binds them to a particular state, in this case California. To clarify, that is not the case. There are certain requirements for each state and licensees can have an opportunity to seek career opportunities in geographic locations outside of California.