ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

In the Department of Counseling and Development, students prepare for a wide variety of successful careers through one of our three high quality, hands-on Master of Arts degree programs: Clinical Mental Health Counseling*, Student Affairs in Higher Education, College Counseling*. The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program offers advanced coursework in addiction, adult, older adult, and school/youth counseling.

Our faculty members draw upon their extensive experience working in their respective fields to provide dynamic learning opportunities for our students. Our students benefit from:

- A selective graduate program giving students the full attention of the faculty
- An innovative use of a diversely trained faculty, state of the art classroom technology, and an active partnership with the SRU Counseling Center
- A personalized education that gives students the structure to succeed and the freedom to excel
- A life changing experience that prepares emerging professionals to make an impact with their careers in a range of professional settings

*These programs meet the educational requirements for licensure as a Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Pennsylvania. Passing the National Counselor Examination is also required to obtain the LPC. CDev is a graduate student administration site for the NCE allowing our students to take the exam prior to graduation. The final step to obtain licensure in Pennsylvania is to obtain supervised experience which can begin after the completion of 48 credits. Licensure requirements vary between states. If you wish to practice outside of Pennsylvania, we recommend you look at the specific state for their requirements. The American Counseling association provides contact information for state boards at https://www.counseling.org.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is a 60 credit-hour program, and leads to eligibility for Pennsylvania licensure as a Professional Counselor (LPC). Graduates are qualified for employment in a variety of settings including hospitals, residential treatment facilities, and community mental health agencies. Students have a choice of four concentrations in this program which includes: addiction, adult, older adult, and youth counseling.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Want a life changing experience that will help you change the lives of others? The Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is designed to prepare students for work in community mental health agencies, residential treatment facilities, elementary and secondary schools, and hospitals and offers:

- Small class sizes which allow faculty to work intensively with students
- Partner with SRU’s counseling center, which serves as a laboratory for learning
- Faculty are engaging, student centered, and highly committed to teaching
- A 60 credit-hour cohort program
- A modern counselor training facility that utilizes the latest technology
- Graduates are eligible for the National Certified Counselor credential (NCC), and are license-eligible in Pennsylvania as a professional counselor (LPC), and depending on concentration area can be eligible for certification as a Professional School Counselor in Pennsylvania

TUITION AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

Applicants invited to interview for admission to Counseling and Development (CDEV) programs will have the opportunity to apply and interview for a variety of graduate assistantship positions (located both at Slippery Rock and a number of neighboring colleges) as part of the CDEV admissions interview process.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for unconditional admission. Applicants for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree must have completed at least three courses in psychology or a related discipline. Students with a grade point average below 3.0 must submit official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores forwarded to the Graduate Admissions office at 104 North Hall Welcome Center, Slippery Rock, PA 16057. SRU's GRE code is 2658, and MAT code is 1660.

2. A written statement indicating interest in the program, experience, and career goals submitted to graduate admissions@sru.edu

3. Two academic recommendation forms from a former or current college or university faculty member with knowledge of the applicant's academic aptitude, suitability for intended program area, and ability to form interpersonal relationships. Recommendations must be on appropriate forms, which are available electronically at www.sru.edu/graduate, under "Forms."

Selected applicants will be invited for an interview. The priority deadline for applications and credentials for the fall semester is December 1. Applications will be taken through January 15, but to receive priority consideration apply by December 1. If seats are still available, the second deadline for materials is April 15.

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM CURRICULUM (60 CREDITS)

SRU's Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) offers the following courses with a choice of a concentration in addiction, adult, older adults or school or youth:

Core I - Basic Knowledge (15 credits):
- CDEV 610: Lifespan Development
- CDEV 614: Helping Relationships
- CDEV 615: Introduction to Counseling
- CDEV 621: Social and Cultural Diversity
- CDEV 699: Introduction to Research

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:
The Department of Counseling and Development Graduate Coordinator 118 Carruth Rizza Hall 724.738.2035 counseling.development@sru.edu

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:
Office of Graduate Admissions 104 North Hall, Welcome Center Slippery Rock, PA 16057 www.sru.edu/graduate 724.738.2051 or 877.SRU.GRAD graduate.admissions@sru.edu

The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

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Core II – Advanced Professional Knowledge (17 credits):
- CDEV 603: Career Development and Counseling
- CDEV 607: Models of Adaptive Behavior
- CDEV 612: Group Counseling
- CDEV 628: Ethics in Counseling
- CDEV 670: Counseling Theory

Core III – Specialized Coursework and Pre-Practicum Experience:
- Addiction Counseling (7 credits):
  - CDEV 626: Foundations of Addiction
  - CDEV 627: Practicum in Group Leadership
  - CDEV 636: Counseling the Addict
- Adult Counseling (7 credits):
  - CDEV 617: Counseling the Adult
  - CDEV 619: Foundations of Adulthood
  - CDEV 627: Practicum in Group Leadership
- Counseling Older Adults (7 credits):
  - CDEV 680: Assessment in Counseling
  - CDEV 624: Foundations of Aging
  - CDEV 627: Practicum in Group Leadership
  - CDEV 634: Counseling the Aging
  - CDEV 688: Counseling in the Schools
- School & Youth Counseling (7 credits):
  - CDEV 618: Foundations of Youth
  - CDEV 627: Practicum in Group Leadership
  - CDEV 685: Youth Counseling
  - CDEV 688: Counseling in the Schools

Core IV – Elective Coursework (9 credits):
Electives (Three courses as recommended by advisor for specialty)- Any 600, 700, or 800 level course

Core V - Field Experience (12 credits)
- CDEV 701: Clinical Mental Health Counseling Practicum
- CDEV 751: Internship in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  OR
- CDEV 703: Practicum in Counselor Supervision
- CDEV 750: School Based Counseling Internship

PROGRAM OPTIONS
There are two options for pursuing a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling:
1. Traditional three graduate years
2. 3+3 program
   - SRU psychology undergraduates only
   - 3 undergraduate years + 3 graduate years

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS: