The Department of Counseling and Development (CDEV) offers three Master of Arts degrees - Clinical Mental Health Counseling (with concentrations in Addictions, Adult, Older Adult and School & Youth Counseling), Student Affairs in Higher Education, and Student Affairs in Higher Education with College Counseling. Each of the degree programs share a common core of coursework in basic knowledge, including an introductory course for that specialty. Each degree program offers a selection of coursework and field experiences tailored to effectively prepare students for professional practice.

Basic Knowledge (15 credit hours):
- CDEV 610: Life Span Development
- CDEV 614: Techniques of Counseling
- CDEV 621: Social and Cultural Diversity
- CDEV 670: Counseling Theory (except Student Affairs)

And one of the following introductory courses:
- CDEV 615: Introduction to Community Counseling
- CDEV 602: Introduction to Student Affairs

**M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC)**

The Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is a 60 credit-hour program, accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and leads to eligibility for Pennsylvania licensure as a Professional Counselor (LPC). Students choosing the School & Youth Counseling concentration can also meet the requirements for Pennsylvania School Counselor certification. Graduates are qualified for employment in a variety of settings including community mental health agencies, residential treatment facilities, elementary and secondary schools, and hospitals.

Basic Knowledge (15 credit hours)
Advanced Professional Knowledge (12 credit hours):
- CDEV 607: Models of Adaptive Behavior
- CDEV 611: Family Counseling
- CDEV 612: Group Counseling
- CDEV 680: Principles of Appraisal

Areas of Concentration (6 credit hours)
ADDITION COUNSELING
- CDEV 626: Foundations of Addictions
- CDEV 636: Counseling the Addict

ADULT COUNSELING
- CDEV 619: Foundations of Adulthood
- CDEV 617: Counseling the Adult

COUNSELING OLDER ADULTS
- CDEV 624: Foundations of Aging
- CDEV 634: Counseling the Aging

SCHOOL & YOUTH COUNSELING
- CDEV 618: Foundations of Youth
- CDEV 685: Youth Counseling OR
- CDEV 688: Counseling in the Schools

**M.A. Student Affairs in Higher Education**

The Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education is a 48 credit-hour program that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). It is designed to prepare students for a variety of leadership positions in the student affairs division of a college or university. The M.A. degree program in Student Affairs in Higher Education also meets the professional standards set forth by the Council for the Advancement of Higher Education (CAS).

Basic Knowledge (12 credit hours)
Advanced Professional Knowledge in Student Affairs (18 credits):
- CDEV 608: Legal Issues in Student Affairs
- CDEV 623: Higher Education Environments, Cultures, and Students
- CDEV 619: Foundations of Adulthood
- CDEV 617: Counseling the Adult
- CDEV 624: Foundations of Aging
- CDEV 634: Counseling the Aging
- CDEV 618: Foundations of Youth
- CDEV 685: Youth Counseling OR
- CDEV 688: Counseling in the Schools

Advanced Professional Knowledge in Counseling (12 credits):
- CDEV 603: Career Counseling and Development
- CDEV 612: Group Counseling
- CDEV 699: Research and Program Assessment

Elective - Field Experience (6 credit hours):
- CDEV 705: Student Affairs Practicum I
- CDEV 706: Student Affairs Practicum II
- CDEV 753: Student Affairs Internship
M.A. STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION WITH COLLEGE COUNCILING

The Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education with College Counseling is a 60 credit hour program that meets the accreditation standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). This program is designed to prepare students for counseling-focused positions at a college or university including mental health counselor, career counselor, disabilities counselor, or academic advisor. In addition to the degree/course requirements noted in the Student Affairs in Higher Education section, the following additional courses are required:

- Advanced Counseling Knowledge (12 credit hours):
  - CDEV 670: Counseling Theory
  - CDEV 607: Models of Adaptive Behavior
  - CDEV 680: Principles of Appraisal
  - CDEV 617: Counseling the Adult

ADMISSIONS 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 2.75 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.
2. All degree applicants must have official general Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores forwarded to the Graduate Admissions office (address below).
3. A written statement indicating career goals and personal philosophy related to the degree program to which the applicant is applying.
4. Three letters of recommendation that address the applicant’s capacity for graduate level work, suitability for the intended program area, and ability to form interpersonal relationships.

The deadline for completed applications for fall semester is January 15th. Selected applicants will be invited for a required on campus interview in February. If admissions space remains available, the second deadline for application materials is April 15th with campus interviews scheduled in May. Admission to Counseling and Development graduate programs is competitive and enrollment is limited; meeting the January 15th application deadline is recommended.

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All students must complete a statistics course (undergraduate or graduate) with a “C” or better grade within the first year of study unless already completed.

POST-MASTER’S DEGREE ENDOREMENT

Individuals who have already graduated with a master’s degree in a related field and who wish to add one or more of our program concentrations without completing another degree may be considered for admission to our Endorsement Program. Contact the Graduate Coordinator for more information.

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.

For questions about academics and course scheduling:
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www.sru.edu/graduate

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