**The University of Scranton** PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

# Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

# WHY SCRANTON?

Excellence in academic and professional competencies. Jesuit values. Successful outcomes. You'll find all of this – and more – when you choose The University of Scranton for your Master of Science in counseling degree. Our dedicated faculty will work alongside you as you pursue a higher level of education through our nationally accredited programs.

### JESUIT VALUES

- Fosters academic, professional and personal development
- Focus on social justice, empowerment, advocacy and leadership
- Development of clients to their full potential
  Emphasis on appreciation of diversity

# AT A GLANCE

- Exposure to faculty with a wide range of experience and expertise
- Embraces the traditions of Ignatian identity
- Help students to become inclusive professional counselors who can provide services to a wide range of diverse clients
- Build self-reflective practices to enhance counselor competence
- Prepares students for work in a variety of settings and to be able to help people with many presenting concerns, including behavioral, mood, anxiety, relationship, and addiction

### **REAL WORLD RESULTS** *Filling a Growing Need*

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook reports that there will be faster than average growth in clinical mental health counseling. Our alumni surveys have resulted in 100% employment for University of Scranton CMHC graduates. Graduates can work in many settings including, community agencies, private practice, and inpatient facilities.

# **COUNSELOR TRAINING CENTER**

• Utilize skills taught and practiced in the classroom

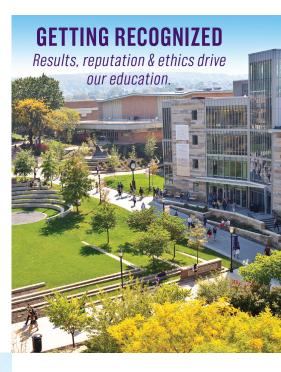
- Find and experience theoretical practices
- Witness the healing power of the therapeutic process
- Facilitate dynamic learning and supervision
- Affirm choice of profession

More at: scranton.edu/hallcenter



### PERSONAL ATTENTION

- Learn from an accomplished faculty comprised of skillful educators who pride themselves in their teaching, research and service.
- Gain practical knowledge from faculty who bring significant clinical work experiences to the classroom experience.
- Work with a faculty mentor who will assist with your personal academic planning throughout the program.





# **CACREP** Accreditation

The University of Scranton's Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the accrediting body for the counseling profession.

Students graduating from CACREP accredited programs may take the National Counselor Exam (NCE) which is a step towards becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor.

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#### CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING >> mission statement

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program prepares professional counselors to provide evidence-based culturally and developmentally competent counseling services that enhance the emotional, cognitive, behavioral, relational, and spiritual well-being of individuals, couples, families, and groups across the lifespan. Graduates of this program are prepared to counsel a wide variety of clients varying from those who seek help with everyday life concerns to those who struggle with significant emotional, cognitive, and behavioral challenges. The importance of advocacy, leadership, social justice, client empowerment, and wellness are emphasized throughout the program.

#### 60 credits required for awarding of degree FOUNDATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING (27 credits required):

COUN 501: Counseling & Interviewing Skills COUN 502: Counseling Theories COUN 503: Group Process & Practice COUN 504: Appraisal Techniques COUN 505: Research Methods COUN 506: Social & Cultural Issues COUN 506: Social & Cultural Issues COUN 507: Career & Lifestyle Development COUN 508: Lifespan Development COUN 509: Professional Issues in Counseling (2 credits) COUN 509C: Professional Issues: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (1 credit)

#### **CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING COURSES:** (18 credits required):

**COUN 540:** Family Counseling & Therapy **COUN 549:** Assessment & Diagnosis **COUN 560:** Addictive Behaviors

#### COUN 563: Crisis Intervention COUN 577: Evidence-Based Practice COUN 578: Organizational Systems in CMHC

#### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE (9 credits required):

**COUN 590:** Practicum: CMHC (100 Hours) **COUN 595:** Internship: CMHC (600 hours)

#### **ELECTIVES** (6 credits required):

Elective courses may be selected from other graduate counseling courses in the Department of Counseling & Human Services.





# **ADMISSION**

Admission Criteria for Acceptance Admission is based on a combination of four indicators: previous academic performance, three professional letters of recommendation, relevant professional experience and an interview.

# English Proficiency can be submitted as one of the following:

- Minimum TOEFL 80ibt (internet-based test)
- Minimum IELTS overall band score of 6.5
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic score of 53
- Successful completion at a participating English language center in the USA
- Duolingo (score of at least 105)

#### Applicants who have questions about our nondiscrimination policy, or have concerns about discrimination on the basis of sex should contact: Title IX Coordinator, c/o - The Office of Equity & Diversity - Institute of Molecular Biology & Medicine, Rm 315 - TitleIX@scranton.edu - 570.941.6645

# **APPLY NOW**

The priority application deadline for all graduate counseling programs is November 15th with a regular application deadline of March 1st for admission into the following fall term. Applications received after the March 1st deadline may be considered at the Program Director's discretion.

To apply to a counseling program or for additional application and admission information visit: **scranton.edu/gradapply**.

At \$757 per credit, the tuition cost for our counseling programs is among the most competitive in PA and for regionally accredited universities.

# CONTACT

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# CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

You are encouraged to contact the Program Directors for information on the academic components of the counseling program.

Dr. Benjamin Willis, please email **benjamin.willis@** scranton.edu or call **570.941.6172.** 

Dr. Tiffany Bordonada, please email **tiffany.bordonada@** scranton.edu or call **570.941.7487.** 

For additional information on international student support and services, please visit: **Scranton.edu/international** 

### LOCATION

The University of Scranton Office of Graduate & International Admissions, The Estate, Scranton, PA, U.S.A, 18510-4699

scranton.edu/international



# **DO MORE** *Graduate Assistantships*

Graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis to graduate students who seek to strengthen the breadth and quality of the educational experience. Graduate assistants work with faculty and staff in the areas of teaching, research and/or administration. The graduate assistant is awarded a tuition scholarship as well as a stipend. *More at:* scranton.edu/ga

# Career Development Services

Clinical Mental Health Counseling students have full access to the services of the Gerard R. Roche Center for Career Development, which include resume and cover letter writing, interview and job search techniques, and participation in employer on-campus recruiting visits and Career Expos. Students and alumni can access a wide range of employment opportunities through the office's online job posting system. The career team is available to consult for advice and support throughout your career. *More at:* scranton.edu/careers