COUNSELING (COU)

COU501. Ethics and Professional Identity in Counseling. 3 Credits.
Overview of ethics and professional identity in counseling.

COU505. Professional Roles in Counseling. 3 Credits.
Overview of counseling supervision models practices and processes; theories, models, and processes of consultation; and qualities, principals, skills, and styles of effective leadership and change agent.

COU510. Counseling Theories. 3 Credits.
Contemporary theories of counseling and psychotherapy.

COU515. Counseling Skills. 3 Credits.
Contemporary counseling skills. Techniques from approaches such as analytic, person-centered, cognitive-behavioral, and family systems.

COU520. Career Development, Counseling, and Assessment. 3 Credits.
Career counseling theory and practice. Models of career development and implications of these models for career counseling and assessment across diverse populations.

COU525. Multicultural Counseling. 3 Credits.
Reviews knowledge and research in multicultural counseling. Teaches skills useful in counseling individuals from diverse populations; focus on personal awareness about stereotypes and how they may impact counseling diverse clients.

COU530. Practicum in Mental Health Counseling. 3 Credits.
Continued development and practice of skills learned in COU515: Counseling Skills. Application of ethical/legal standards, socio-cultural/diversity issues, and professional skills including documentation and treatment planning in mental health counseling; includes supervised practicum experience in mental health counseling setting.

COU535. Practicum in School Counseling. 3 Credits.
A 100-hour semester long experience working in schools learning about and practicing the various roles and responsibilities of a school counselor. The course includes an in-class training component with includes group supervision, conduction case conferences, applying counseling theories relevant to school counseling.

COU540. Psychopathology. 3 Credits.
Reviews approaches to psychopathology, particularly as they pertain to counseling. Examines systems for conceptualizing, comprehending, and understanding those diagnosed with psychopathology. Covers theoretical approaches and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

COU545. Group Dynamics and Counseling. 3 Credits.
Theory and practice of group counseling. Examines group dynamics and theories of group development in counseling contexts. Techniques and principles of group counseling, with special emphasis on implications for school and mental health counseling settings.

COU550. Couple and Family Counseling. 3 Credits.
A variety of approaches to family and couples therapy including psychoanalytic, behavioral, transgenerational, structural, strategic and systems will be examined. The theory and technique of Bowen, Minuchin, Haley, and the Milan associates will be emphasized.

COU555. Assessment. 3 Credits.
Theoretical and applied examination of issues pertinent to personality and intellectual assessment. Introduces practical applications (administration, scoring, interpretation, and report-writing), as well as theoretical issues (ethics, utility, reliability, and validity).

COU561. Evidence-Based Assessment & Treatment of Traumatic Stress. 3 Credits.
Understanding, assessing and treating traumatic stress and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), including the nature and impact of trauma, risk and protective factors, assessing post-traumatic effects, early intervention and PTSD prevention strategies, an overview of cognitive-behavioral treatments, and cross-cultural perspectives.

COU562. Assessment and Interventions with Children, Adolescents, and Families. 3 Credits.
The social-emotional and developmental needs of children make them a special population that necessitates specialized training for individuals who will work with children and families. This course will train students to assist child survivors and their caregivers following disasters and traumatic events, especially those events that cause the sudden death of a parent or other loved one.

COU563. Assisting Veterans and First Responders. 3 Credits.
This online course will prepare clinicians to engage and treat military personnel and first responders and their families, examining the unique cultural and clinical considerations affecting these populations and using theory and research to identify appropriate treatment modalities.

COU565. Disaster Counseling and Crisis Intervention. 3 Credits.
Theory and research in disaster mental health are studied. Activities of disaster counseling are practiced. Students complete a one-day American Red Cross training in DMH that will allow them to be deployed to disasters.

COU566. Assisting Vulnerable Populations. 3 Credits.
Understanding the needs of individuals and groups considered vulnerable prior to, during, and after a disaster, including learning to assess needs, understanding the systems already in place, knowing how to access appropriate supports and structures, and an overview of factors that may assist in mitigating the effects of disasters.

COU567. Grief, Loss and Bereavement. 3 Credits.
Understanding and treating reactions to death and loss, especially due to disaster. Topics include attachment, typical and extreme reactions, models of adjustment, death rituals, and grief counseling and other evidence-informed interventions for survivors.

COU570. Substance Use and Addictions Counseling. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the fundamental principles, theories, and skills of substance and use and addictions counseling.

COU575. Human Growth and Development. 3 Credits.
This course examines theory and research related to the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development of individuals. Consideration is given to diverse pathways to and through adulthood, normative transitions, and ecological and contextual models of development.

COU585. Contemporary Issues in Counseling. 3 Credits.
In depth examination of a particular area related to counseling. May be repeated multiple times for credit, as long as the topic is different each time course is taken.

COU590. Thesis. 1-12 Credits.
Students write a counseling-related thesis under the supervision of a thesis committee (a faculty adviser and two committee members). Students do a literature review/conceptual thesis (3 credits) or an empirical thesis (6 credits). All empirical projects must conform to IRB guidelines.
COU593. Counseling Selected Topic. 1-12 Credits.
Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.

COU595. Indep Study Counseling. 1-12 Credits.

COU599. Comprehensive Exam Workshop. 0 Credits.
Non-credit workshop for students who wish to devote the semester immediately following the completion of their coursework to prepare for the comprehensive exam.

COU610. Research Methods and Program Evaluation. 3 Credits.
The primary objective of this course is to enable you to develop the necessary knowledge and skills that are essential for becoming a critical producer of empirical research.

COU771. Internship in Mental Health Counseling 1. 3 Credits.
First half of intensive supervised internship experience in mental health counseling agencies. The sequential training experience presents students with an increasingly advanced understanding of the roles and duties of mental health counselors. Course includes on-site supervised training experience in addition to in-class training component.

COU772. Internship in Mental Health Counseling 2. 3 Credits.
Second half of intensive supervised internship experience in mental health counseling agencies. The sequential training experience presents students with an increasingly advanced understanding of the roles and duties of mental health counselors. Course includes on-site supervised training experience in addition to in-class training component.

COU781. Internship in School Counseling 1. 3 Credits.
First half of an intensive supervised internship experience in mental health counselling agencies. The sequential training experience presents students with an increasingly advanced understanding of the roles and duties of mental health counselors. Course includes on-site supervised training experience in addition to in-class training component.

COU782. Internship in School Counseling 2. 3 Credits.
Second half of intensive supervised internship experience in school counseling. The sequential training experience presents students with an increasingly advanced understanding of the roles and duties of school counselors. Course includes on-site supervised training experience in addition to in-class training component.

COU795. Independent Study Counseling. 1-12 Credits.