

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
COUNSELING
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND SCHOOL COUNSELING



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WHY STUDY COUNSELING AT EIU?

We offer facilities and researched-based training practices for master's level professional counselors seeking an MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling or an MS in School Counseling. The cohort model provides ongoing support and connections among students for a close-knit feel.

FACULTY WHO CARE ABOUT YOU

The Counseling Department has an outstanding, caring, and accessible faculty composed of individuals who are extensively qualified as instructors and have impressive experience in the field to give you a well-rounded, practical educational experience.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Practicum and internships placements begin in the second semester of coursework. These practical experiences are intended to combine coursework with field experience conducted in a setting as similar as possible to that in which you will be seeking employment. The nature of this experience should be very much like that of a regular counseling position, but with intensive supervision both on-site and on-campus. Practicum and internship sites and supervisors play a pivotal role in helping you begin the transition into your professional identity.



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LICENSURE

Upon graduation you will be prepared to become a licensed professional counselor (LPC) by taking the National Counseling Examination (NCE) or a certified school counselor by obtaining a Professional Educator License (PEL). As a CACREP-accredited program, students take the NCE exam while in their final year of study, allowing them to graduate from EIU as licensed professional counselors.

RESEARCH

Creative activities and presenting at conferences are important aspects of the program. Each student in the Counseling Program takes a Research Methods course designed to introduce you to qualitative and quantitative methods of research. Several opportunities are available for students to present scholarly work.

FIRST CHOICE STATUS

EIU recognizes the M.S. in Counseling as a program that meets the highest standards of scholarly excellence as documented through sustained achievement.

MENTORING AND JOB PLACEMENT

Whether it's getting a professional job, a teaching job, or going on to a Ph.D. program, our students have been very successful after they graduate. Building on significant theoretical and methodological commitment, the graduate program provides the background necessary to be successful in numerous communication-oriented careers. With a strong focus on fostering students' writing, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, we are dedicated to the success of our students in the program and beyond.

The job outlook for Mental Health Counselors for 2021-2031 is expected to grow by at least 22% (much faster than average), as predicted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2022.

The department works closely with alum of the program and surrounding agencies and practices to share jobs available.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate assistantships are available within the department as well as campus-wide. Students in the Counseling and Higher Education Department are employed in a variety of departments across campus as well as off-campus locations referred to as external graduate assistantships.

PAUL WARD SCHOLARSHIP

Professor Paul Ward left a generous endowment to the department which allows us to offer all newly admitted full-time students a scholarship ranging from \$2000-\$4000.



"The primary reason I chose EIU's counseling program was the amount of clinical experience students receive prior to graduation. Additionally, the faculty in the Counseling program are far more than course instructors: they are respected and valued mentors."