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California Baptist University

Master of Science in Counseling Psychology

Quick Look 2014-2015*

Length of Program: 62 units, option to add 18 unit Professional Clinical Counselor (PCC) or Forensic Psychology concentration
2 years full-time, additional semesters may be required for PCC concentration; part-time options available
Approximate Cost: $640 per unit: $39,700 for 62 unit degree, $11,500 for each 18 unit concentration plus 355 per semester general fee
Program Starts: Fall (September), Spring (January), Summer (May)
Application Deadline: Applications should be completed 60 days prior to start of desired semester of enrollment
Program Format: Classes typically offered Monday through Thursday @ 4pm and/or 7pm, some Saturday classes required; Special Topics classes not offered every semester
GPA Requirement: 2.75. Low GPA may be overcome w/satisfactory GRE score
GRE Requirement: GRE **not** required for applicants who meet GPA requirement
Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Program approved by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences to meet academic requirements for MFT and PCC licensing
*Costs and requirements subject to revision without notice

Application Requirements

1. Application for admission with a $45 non-refundable graduate application fee
2. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or the evaluated equivalency, with a minimum GPA of 2.75. Applicants with a GPA below 2.75 may be considered for admission
3. Official sealed transcripts from all colleges and universities attended sent to *Graduate Admissions*
4. Three recommendations from sources who can address your potential for success. It is preferred that one recommendation be from a professor or instructor. Family and friends may not complete recommendations: Request recommendations at www.calbaptist.edu/gradrecrequest
5. Comprehensive essay of at least 500 words that includes:
   - Purpose for entering the program
   - Experiences that have directed your interest toward becoming a therapist
   - Religious background, present pattern of spiritual growth, fundamentals of personal faith and the relationship between your faith and professional goals
   - Influences that have shaped your present values and approach to life
   - Reasons for choosing to study at CBU
   - A response to this question, "Have you ever received psychiatric treatment or counseling, yes or no?" If yes, please provide a brief explanation
6. Successful interview[s] with Director of the Graduate Program in Counseling Psychology
7. An applicant whose first language is not English and/or does not have a degree from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction is required to demonstrate English proficiency by submitting a recent test score from Test of English as a Foreign Language TOEFL or International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Prerequisites

- Statistics
- Theories of Personality
- Developmental Psychology or Human Behavior and the Social Environment

MS in Counseling Psychology

PSY 500	Diversity Issues in Counseling Psychology	3
PSY 501s	Professional Practice Seminar I	2
PSY 502s	Professional Practice Seminar II	2
PSY 505	MFT Counseling Theory	3
PSY 510	Human Growth and Development	3
PSY 515	Human Sexuality	2
PSY 520	Human Communications in Group Process	3
PSY 525	MFT Counseling Techniques	3
PSY 530	Advanced Research Methodology	3
PSY 535	Advanced Psychopathology	3
PSY 540	Psychodiagnostics	3
PSY 545	MFT Counseling: Child and Adolescent	3
PSY 555	Practicum I[1]	3
PSY 570	Practicum II	3
PSY 560	Professional Ethics and Law	3
PSY 580	Family Therapy I	3
PSY 585	Family Therapy II	3
PSY 590	Christian Perspective on Professional Counseling	2
PSY 595s	Psychopharmacology	3
PSY 597a	Child Abuse & Neglect: Diagnosis & Treatment	2
PSY 597b	HIV and AIDS Counseling	1
PSY 597c	Domestic Violence	1
PSY 598a	Addictions Counseling	3
PSY 598c	Aging and Mental Health	2
Total		**62 units**

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Optional Concentrations

In addition to the MS degree, students may include one or more of the concentrations below. The Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor concentration, when added to the core requirements, meets the academic requirements for LPCC licensure.

Professional Clinical Counselor (PCC)

		18 units
PSY 536	Community Mental Health Counseling	3
PSY 537	Career Counseling	3
PSY 541	Evidenced-Based Treatment for Treating Adults With Severe Mental Illness	3
PSY 542	Play Therapy for Special Populations	3
PSY 543	Evaluation & Treatment of Compulsive Disorders	3
PSY 599	Special Topics	3

Choose one as offered, from the following areas:

- Treatment Concerns in Interethnic and Interfaith Families
- Case Management in the Public and Private Sectors
- Evaluation and Treatment for Military Personnel and Their Families
- Standard of Care Approaches for Evaluating and Treating Children and Adolescents with Externalizing Disorders

Forensic Psychology[1]

Required		**12 units**
CJS 530	Theories & Perspectives of Criminal Behavior	3
FPY 530	Advanced Social Psychology	3
FPY 540	Forensic Psychology	3
FPY 595	Special Topic in Forensic Psychology	3

Choose two of the following		**6 units**
CJS 510	Legal Research & Reasoning	3
CJS 520	Advanced Criminal Law	3
CJS 560	Criminal Investigation	3
FPY 510	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
FPY 520	Criminal Profiling	3
Total		**18 units**

[1]When choosing a practicum site, students pursuing the *Forensic Psychology Concentration* are strongly advised to choose a forensic setting that also meets BBS licensure requirements for the MS in Counseling Psychology Practicum placement.