Master of Science in Counseling Psychology
Professional Counseling/Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration
60 units

Course Requirements

Course #		Course Title	Units
Core Requirements (29 units)			
PSY	500	Diversity Issues in Counseling Psychology	3
PSY	505	MFT Counseling Theory	3
PSY	515	Human Sexuality	2
PSY	525	MFT Counseling Techniques	3
PSY	535	Advanced Psychopathology	3
PSY	545	MFT Counseling: Child and Adolescent	3
PSY	580	Family Therapy I	3
PSY	585	Family Therapy II	3
PSY	597a	Child Abuse and Neglect: Diagnosis and Treatment	2
PSY	598a	Chemical Dependency: Diagnosis and Treatment	2
PSY	598c	Aging and Mental Health	2
Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration Requirements (31 units)			
PSY	501s	Professional Practice Seminar I	2
PSY	502s	Professional Practice Seminar II	2
PSY	510	Human Growth and Development	3
PSY	520	Human Communications in Group Process	3
PSY	530	Advanced Research Methodology	3
PSY	540	Psychodiagnostics	3
PSY	555	Practicum I	3
PSY	560	Professional Ethics and Law	3
PSY	570	Practicum II	3
PSY	590	Christian Perspective on Professional Counseling	2
PSY	595	Psychopharmacology	2
PSY	597b	HIV and AIDS Counseling	1
PSY	597c	Domestic Violence	1
Total Units Required			**60**

PSY500 Diversity Issues in Counseling Psychology (3)
Examination of the effects of therapeutic interventions on culturally distinct populations. Prerequisite: PSY 505

PSY 501s Professional Practice Seminar I (2)
Emphasis on empathy training and the structure of the therapeutic process through a lecture/discussion/small group format. Students will videotape simulated sessions with one another. Meets two hours per week. Students will be assigned an on-going case.

PSY 502s Professional Practice Seminar II (2)
Continuation of PSY 501s. Emphasis on various clinical and legal issues related to the practice of psychotherapy. Enables the student to develop the skills necessary to obtain a practicum placement. Prerequisite: PSY 501s

PSY 505 MFT Counseling Theory (3)
The student is introduced to the theoretical foundations of Family Systems Theory, Behaviorism, Humanism, Existentialism, and Psychoanalytic Theory.

PSY510 Human Growth & Development (3)
A study of the developmental cycle of the human organism from a cognitive, psychological, sociological, and moral perspective. Emphasis is placed on theories and research related to child development.

PSY 515 Human Sexuality (2)
Etiology, diagnosis and treatment of sexual dysfunction with an overview of physiology.

PSY 520 Human Communications in Group Process (3)
Application of group treatment models to various forms of interpersonal communication.

PSY 525 MFT Counseling Techniques (3)
Intervention techniques from a phenomenological, cognitive, behavioral and existential frame of reference.

PSY 530 Advanced Research Methodology (3)
Theoretical and practical applications of research methods of psychotherapy. Prerequisite: PSY 383 (Statistical Techniques in Social Science) or equivalent.

PSY 535 Advanced Psychopathology (3)
Nature and causes of reactions to social, biological and psychological stress, maladaptive development, and faulty learning. Includes an in depth study of anxiety disorders, character disorders, and the psychoses.

PSY 540 Psychodiagnostics (3)
Applications of Intelligence Testing and Personality tests to diagnosis and therapy. Prerequisite: PSY 383 (Statistical Techniques in Behavioral Science) or equivalent.

PSY 545 MFT Counseling: Child and Adolescent (3)
Processes of diagnosis, dynamics, and treatment of children and adolescents.

PSY 555 Practicum I (3)
Supervised counseling experience in professional settings. Prerequisites: PSY 501s, 502s, 505, 525, 560, and 24 hours of Psychotherapy.

PSY 560 Professional Ethics and Law (3)
An examination and explanation of current laws and ethical issues affecting psychotherapists.

PSY 570 Practicum II (3)
A continuation of PSY 555.
Prerequisite: PSY 555

PSY 580 Family Therapy I (3)
An examination of the philosophical and theoretical suppositions of the major schools of family therapy. Emphasis on the historical and contemporary context of systems theory and family therapy.

PSY 585 Family Therapy II (3)
Concentration of the therapeutic techniques of the various schools of family therapy skills through the use of videotape feedback , coaching, and classroom demonstration. Prerequisite: PSY 580

PSY 590 Christian Perspective on Professional Counseling (2)
Faculty and student dialogue on issues and topics related to the integration of Christianity and psychology.

PSY 595s Psychopharmacology (2)*
This is a presentation/discussion workshop designed for the non-medical psychotherapist. The major categories of medication used in psychiatric intervention will be described and referral issues will be discussed. **Web-enhanced course.*

PSY 597a Child Abuse and Neglect: Diagnosis and Treatment (2)
Examines the methods of assessment, reporting, and treatment of physical, sexual, and neglectful child abuse.

PSY 597b HIV and AIDS Counseling (1)
This seminar examines the clinical, social and ethical issues in counseling persons with AIDS-related problems. In addition to the lecture/discussion format, opportunity for supervised role-playing may be provided.

PSY 597c Domestic Violence (1)
Examines the characteristics and treatment of the perpetrators and victims of domestic violence.

PSY 598a Chemical Dependency: Diagnosis and Treatment (2)
An examination of the theoretical, diagnostic, and treatment issues related to the various types of chemical abuse and dependency.

PSY 598c Aging and Mental Health (2)
This seminar addresses mental health issues in aging populations.