Graduate Program

Unique Program Features Create a Distinctive Learning Experience

The Addiction Counseling program at University of Detroit Mercy is Michigan's premier addiction counseling program. The program has the longest history in the state and is among the first of its kind in the nation. As a result, University of Detroit Mercy’s program is the leader in addiction counseling, known for its innovation in providing cutting-edge education related to substance and behavioral addiction counseling. Partnering with an array of addiction treatment programs in southeast Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy’s Addiction Counseling program has been pivotal in improving the field of addiction counseling in Michigan and throughout the United States.

Career Opportunities
Graduates of our Addiction Counseling program are typically well-sought after and hired immediately upon graduation as addiction counselors/therapists and/or clinical supervisors.

Program Description
The Master of Arts with a major in Addiction Counseling provides specialized training in the prevention, assessment and treatment of addictive disorders. With a foundation in mental health counseling, specific coursework in addiction counseling is completed to fulfill requirements for competence in both substance and process/behavioral (e.g., gambling, sexual) addictions. The program prepares individuals for working with addiction in a variety of settings, such as private and public agencies, rehabilitation centers and outpatient clinics.

The intensive program of study combines theoretical knowledge with practical experience and promotes deep knowledge and competencies related specifically to addiction counseling to promote highly competent mental health clinicians specializing in the prevention, assessment and treatment of addiction. Upon completion of the program, individuals are eligible for both professional licensure as a counselor within the State of Michigan (LLPC) and state certification as a substance abuse therapist. The 60-credit-hour program generally requires three years to complete.

CACREP Accredited
The master's degree programs in Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and School Counseling at University of Detroit Mercy are accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the national accrediting body for graduate programs in Counseling. In 2017, the University of Detroit Mercy's Counseling programs were reaccredited with full, 8-year reaccreditation, the highest mark awarded by the accrediting body.

Admission Criteria
An undergraduate overall GPA of 2.75 or higher or a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the second half of the undergraduate degree program, or a graduate GPA of 3.0 on a previously completed graduate degree; a minimum of 15 hours

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in the social or behavioral sciences (e.g., psychology, anthropology, sociology) including at least one course (three credit hours) in statistics; a letter of interest explaining your interests in the counseling profession; a writing exam; three letters of recommendation from individuals able to speak to your potential to enter graduate school in counseling and an interview with the faculty.

Curriculum
CNS 5000 Research Methods in Counseling
CNS 5020 Counseling and Human Development
CNS 5120 Introduction to Counseling Theory and Process
CNS 5320 Multicultural Counseling
CNS 5350 Introduction to Counseling
CNS 5360 Program Development and Evaluation
CNS 5380 Career Counseling
CNS 5390 Counseling Skills
CNS 5400 Testing and Evaluation
CNS 5430 Group Counseling
CNS 5490 Trauma, Crisis and Prevention
CNS 5600 Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment
CNS 5720 Legal, Ethical, and Advocacy Issues in Counseling
CNS 5850 Counseling Practicum
CNS 5900 Consultation and Staff Development
CNS 5920 Introduction to Addiction: Process and Substance
CNS 5940 Addiction Counseling: Advanced Issues in Practice and Evaluation
CNS 6040 Internship in Counseling
ADS 5090 Drugs and Behavior
ADS 5110 Theories of Addiction
ADS 5120 Recovery Processes

Total: 60 credit hours

60% K-12 Educators Tuition Remission Program
Employed K-12 Michigan educators are eligible for 60% tuition remission when enrolled in any of the University of Detroit Mercy Counseling programs.

Admission Deadlines

Admission Term: Due Date:
Fall May 15
Winter October 1
Summer February 1
All application documents must be received by the college by the due date listed to be eligible for admission.

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Counseling Faculty
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