



William & Mary
School of Education

M.ED. MILITARY & VETERANS COUNSELING

Serve those who have served us

The M.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a specialization in Military & Veterans Counseling prepares graduates to work in private, public and military-connected human service agencies. Through a holistic focus on wellness and mental health symptomology, clinical mental health counselors can serve uniformed military personnel, veterans, and military-connected spouses and children. Students will develop the skills and knowledge to provide culturally-responsive mental health support to military communities.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: People who wish to become licensed clinical mental health counselors and work with military-connected clients; previous counseling experience not required

Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree

Course requirements: Full-time or part-time on-campus program consisting of 60 credits

Fieldwork: 150-hour practicum + two 300-hour internships

Accreditation: Accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

Online option available! Visit our website to learn more about our fully online program.

FIELD EXPERIENCES

Clinical experiences are an integral part of students' preparation, and practice in a clinical setting is integrated throughout the program. In the first year, students have their first client contact through a closely supervised 150-hour practicum. In the second year, two 300-hour internships provide intensive and diverse clinical experiences.

Students in the Military and Veterans program complete their clinical experiences working with military and veteran clients in a wide range of contexts under the supervision of licensed field supervisors and program faculty.

Students who enter the program either with or without direct military background or experience of their own can expect to graduate well-prepared to engage in effective counseling relationships with active duty and veteran military service members and their families.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

YEAR ONE (27 credits)

- Counseling and psychotherapy
- Techniques of individual and group counseling
- Professional, ethical and legal issues
- Military life, culture and challenges
- Marriage and family counseling
- Multi-cultural counseling

SUMMER (9 credits)

- Relational counseling and sex therapy
- Contemporary issues in counseling
- Psychopathology

YEAR TWO (24 credits)

- Psychological and educational measurement
- Substance abuse and society
- Military-to-veteran transition
- Trauma-related disorders
- Human growth and development
- Career Development

LEARN MORE

Questions about the program?

Contact the program director:

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Questions about applying for admission?

Contact an admissions representative:

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SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELOR EDUCATION

In today's ever-changing world, there is an increased need for counselors and school psychologists who can guide others through personal and interpersonal growth during all phases of life focusing on emotional, social, vocational, educational, developmental, and mental health concerns.

William & Mary's department of School Psychology & Counselor Education is preparing tomorrow's leaders by providing degree programs that offer rigorous curriculum, innovative research on current trends and hands-on experience. Through the integration of theory, research and practice, and with sensitivity to multicultural concerns, students learn to help others improve their well-being, alleviate distress and resolve crises.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

ON-CAMPUS:

- M.Ed. – Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 - Optional specializations:*
 - Addictions Counseling
 - Couples, Marriage and Family Counseling
 - Military & Veterans Counseling
- M.Ed. – School Counseling
- M.Ed. & Ed.S. – School Psychology
- Ph.D. – Counselor Education

ONLINE:

- M.Ed. – Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 - Optional specialization:*
 - Military & Veterans Counseling
- M.Ed. – School Counseling

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Application deadlines vary by program. Visit our website for more details.

Learn more about applying online at education.wm.edu/admissions

WHY W&M?

Looking to pursue a graduate degree in education? Here are a few reasons to consider W&M:

A welcoming and supportive community

With just over 650 students, the School of Education is big enough to offer a diverse range of programs, people and experiences, but small enough to feel like family. You'll make close connections with your fellow students and your professors — relationships that will stay with you for life and help you forge your own career path.

A focus on leadership in education

Our programs produce leaders — people with the passion, skills and tenacity to effect change in education. Our alumni achieve early recognition, becoming school leaders and innovators.

A campus in the heart of historic Williamsburg

Study at a campus that offers more than 300 years of history and countless beloved traditions.

Professors who are leaders in the field

Our faculty are recognized and respected around the world for instruction and research. They're passionate about their own research as well as the success of their students — they are, after all, teachers first and foremost.

Field experiences that will change your life

You won't be stuck in a lecture hall and you won't have to wait until after graduation to begin making a difference in the lives of students and communities. Opportunities abound to pursue meaningful, fulfilling experiences that allow students to both learn and contribute.

Programs for students at every career stage

Our graduate programs are designed to meet the needs of a diverse student population that includes full-time and part-time students, people re-entering the paid work force after raising a family, and recent recipients of bachelor's or master's degrees preparing for advanced positions in the field of education.