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)  
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**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

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  Military & Veterans Counseling

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