



William & Mary
School of Education

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS COUNSELING

Help others in need.

Reach out to those in need as a licensed professional counselor. The M.Ed. in Counseling with a concentration in Clinical Mental Health & Addictions Counseling at William & Mary prepares graduates to work in public or private human service agencies and in private counseling practice. Through a balanced focus on wellness and psychopathology, the program offers students a solid foundation in counseling theory, counseling strategies and a concentration in addictions counseling. Gain the knowledge and skills to make a deep impact on people's lives.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: People interested in becoming licensed clinical mental health counselors and licensed or certified addictions counselors

Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree

Course requirements: Full-time, on-campus program

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

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

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 experiences in community agency settings.

Students in the Addictions program complete their clinical experiences at local community agencies and the William & Mary School of Education's Flanagan Counselor Education Clinic through the New Leaf Family Center, which offers substance abuse counseling services to a diverse range of clients.

Counselors at New Leaf conduct interventions using motivational interviewing techniques that encourage clients to take ownership of their own decisions and make positive changes in their lives.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Substance abuse and society
- Counseling and psychotherapy
- Professional, ethical and legal issues
- Marriage and family counseling
- Addictions counseling
- Practicum in counseling
- Addictions and family systems
- Contemporary issues in counseling
- Psychopathology
- Transpersonal counseling
- Human growth and development
- Multicultural counseling
- Career development
- Internship in counseling

Students complete a total of 60 credit hours of classroom coursework and clinical experiences, building skills and confidence.

LEARN MORE

View the program of study
at education.wm.edu/space

Questions about applying?
Contact graded@wm.edu
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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. Counseling – Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Optional concentrations:

Addictions Counseling

Relationship, Marriage & Family Counseling

Military & Veterans Counseling

M.Ed. Counseling – School Counseling

M.Ed./Ed.S. – School Psychology

Ph.D. – Counselor Education

ONLINE:

M.Ed. Counseling – Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Optional specialization:

Military & Veterans Counseling

M.Ed. Counseling – School Counseling

APPLY NOW

Application deadlines vary by program.

Find full details 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

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

Founded in 1693, W&M is a campus that offers 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 lectures 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.