COUNSELING (PH.D.)

Program Description
The PhD in Counseling prepares individuals to work as faculty and administrators in colleges and universities; advanced clinicians and supervisors in mental health agencies and private practice; consultants; and school and agency leaders. Our program affords students a unique, student-centered doctoral program experience:

- Students have the opportunity to develop scholarly expertise, tailored to the student’s specific interest, while also learning and engaging in faculty research.
- Intentional diversity is the signature of our program and is reflected in our faculty and students, research areas, and commitment to advocacy and social justice, and community engagement within local, regional, national and international communities.
- Our diverse renowned faculty of scholar-practitioners provide mentoring and advising in research, coursework, and the counseling profession.
- Our community includes full-time and part-time students who pursue individualized study in areas such as college counseling, higher education, counselor supervision, marriage and family counseling, clinical mental health counseling, play therapy, school counseling, career counseling, and addictions counseling.

Our graduates have found successful positions as:
- Faculty members in colleges and universities
- Agency directors
- College and university senior administrators
- Directors of school counseling
- Consultants, supervisors, and advanced clinicians

For more information, click here: https://aries.montclair.edu/counseling-phd/

Admissions Requirements
We welcome applications from individuals who share our commitment to diversity and community engagement.

All prospective applicants must have completed a master’s degree in counseling or closely-related field. Applicants who did not take the following courses may be required to take prerequisites prior to enrollment in doctoral counseling core courses.

- Career Counseling
- Counseling Techniques
- Counseling Theories
- Group Counseling
- Human Development
- Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling
- Multicultural Counseling
- Research Methods
- Testing/Appraisal
- Practicum and Internship

Application Requirements
- Submission of GRE scores taken within the last 5 years
- Official transcripts of previous earned degrees and coursework
- Three (3) professional letters of recommendation from individuals who know the applicant’s clinical work and/or educational abilities. At least one letter from a faculty member and one from a supervisor must be included with the application.
- Current resume
- Responses to three (3) essays:
  1. A personal statement in which you describe past accomplishments, educational, and work experience that serve as foundational activities to your development as a scholar-practitioner. Explain your rationale for selecting MSU's Counseling PhD program.
  2. Share your strengths and areas of growth in relation to being a culturally responsive counselor and social justice advocate.
  3. Please discuss your current research interests and how you hope to incorporate them into doctoral study.

The online application may be found at The Graduate School (http://www.montclair.edu/graduate).

Deadlines
Applications are accepted for Fall admission only. All application materials must be received by February 1st. Completed applications received by November 15th will receive priority and early review. Please visit the Graduate School site for a full list of required materials and submission instructions.

Questions? Email phdcounsel@montclair.edu or call 973-655-3133.

Program Requirements
Complete the following requirements for a minimum of 66 credits.

Core Courses

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<td>COUN 810</td>
<td>Advanced Counseling Theory and Methodology</td>
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<td>COUN 812</td>
<td>Counselor Supervision</td>
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<td>COUN 814</td>
<td>Advanced Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling</td>
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<td>COUN 816</td>
<td>Clinical, Leadership and Organizational Assessment</td>
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<td>COUN 818</td>
<td>Advanced Group Counseling</td>
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<td>COUN 820</td>
<td>Advanced Career Counseling Techniques and Practice</td>
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Clinical Experience and Cognate or Elective Studies

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<td>COUN 826</td>
<td>Professional Internship II: Fieldwork</td>
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Cognate or Elective Studies
Complete 9-12 credits from counseling or another relevant discipline with approval from doctoral advisory committee.

Research Core

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<td>COUN 822</td>
<td>Research in Counseling Seminar</td>
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EDFD 821  Quantitative Methods for Educational Research  3

**Required Dissertation Courses**
Dissertation Advisement can be taken for 3-12 credits and must be repeated until 15 credits are achieved:

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<td>COUN 900</td>
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<td>COUN 901</td>
<td>Dissertation Extension (taken each semester after COUN 900 is completed.)</td>
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**Required Dissertation Courses**
Successful completion of the qualifying portfolio, examination or assessment requirement.

**Admission to Candidacy**
Following completion of pre-dissertation research courses and qualifying exam, you may be admitted to candidacy.

**Dissertation Requirement**
Complete a dissertation in accordance with Graduate School and doctoral program requirements.

| Total Credits | 66 |

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1 After 15 credits of COUN 900, complete 1 credit of COUN 901 each semester, as required.