

M.A. IN COUNSELING

Degree Objectives, & Requirements

Students in the M.A. in Counseling display the essential qualities of wisdom, maturity, and skills necessary for excellence in the field of counseling. The Counseling program focuses on diagnosis and treatment of mental health issues for individuals, couples, families, and groups. MACO provides excellent preparation for Christian and/or secular employment opportunities. Graduates are qualified to sit for National Counseling exams.

87 Credit Hours

Completed in 3 years

SCRIPTURAL
THEOLOGICAL
CORE

COUNSELING

INTEGRATIVE
STUDIES

PRACTICUM &
INTERNSHIP

24 Credits in
Theology, Old & New
Testament courses

45 Credits in
Integrative Counseling
Courses

3 Credits in
Integrative Seminar

15 Credits in
Practicum &
Internship

IDEAL FOR: Agencies | Missions | Private Practice

COURSE FORMATS:



Residential: on-campus meetings **Semlink+** Online



ats The Association of Theological Schools
The Commission on Accrediting

Gordon-Conwell is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.



NECHE Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, a non-governmental, nationally recognized organization whose affiliated institutions include elementary school through collegiate institutions offering post-graduate instruction.

Accreditation of an institution by the New England Commission of Higher Education indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer group review process.










CACREP Accreditation

The counseling faculty at Gordon-Conwell—Hamilton have begun the process of applying for CACREP accreditation, in addition to the ATS accreditation we already possess. Pursuing CACREP accreditation will allow us to increase field-specific recognition for our already-excellent academic program. Changes in insurance requirements and coverage, as well as opening access to certain sectors of counseling opportunities, lead us to pursue this accreditation in order to continue providing the quality, integrative curriculum that allows our graduates to remain competitive and sought-after in the counseling field.

CORE STUDIES

24Credits



In core biblical and theological survey courses

Courses		Credits	Formats
OT500	Old Testament Survey	3	 Semlink+
NT501	New Testament Survey	3	 Semlink+
CH500	Survey of Church History	3	
TH501	Theology Survey I	3	 Semlink+
TH502	Theology Survey II	3	 Semlink+
ET/SE	Ethics Course	3	 Semlink+
OT Course		3	
NT Course		3	 Semlink+
WM or EV	Course – met by Multicultural Diversity	3	

INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

3Credits

























In Integrative Seminar

Courses		Credits	Formats
CO801A	Integrative Seminar A	1.5	
CO801B	Integrative Seminar B	1.5	

COUNSELING

45Credits

In integrative counseling







Courses		Credits	Formats
CO500	Introduction to Counseling	3	
CO507	Clinical Skills	3	
CO/SF610	Lifespan Development: Implications for Counseling	3	
CO611	Theories of Personality	3	
CO699	Research Methods & Design	3	
CO710	Psychopathology	3	
CO/PC711	Group Process	3	
CO/WM712	Multicultural Diversity in Counseling	3	
CO735	Assessment in Counseling	3	
CO740	Career Counseling and Lifestyle Development	3	
CO790	Professional Standards & Ethics	3	
ELECTIVES:			
COXXX	Four Counseling Elective	12	
CO 602	Human Sexuality	3	
CO 614	Family Systems Theory	3	
CO 616	Cognitive Therapy	3	
CO 635	Counseling for Crisis & Trauma	3	
CO/MC 642	Ministering to Women in Pain	3	
CO/PC 671	Suicide Prevention for Professional Caregivers	3	
CO 709	Counseling in Addictive Behaviors	3	
CO 714	Family Counseling/Therapy	3	
CO 716	Couples Counseling	3	
CO/PC 717	Counseling in Abuse and Domestic Violence	3	
CO 720	Counseling Children	3	
CO/PC/YM 725	Counseling the Adolescent	3	
CO/EM/PC 741	Counseling the Aged: Intro to Gerontology	3	

Students must choose **Four** elective courses to fulfill their counseling elective.

PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP

15 Credits

Practicum/Internship Requirements

Courses		Credits	Formats
CO 863	Clinical Practicum	3	
CO 871	Professional Practicum Seminar	3	
CO 865A	Clinical Internship I	3	
CO 873A	Professional Internship Seminar I	1.5	
CO 865B	Clinical Internship II	3	
CO 873B	Professional Internship Seminar II	1.5	

INTEGRATING THEOLOGY & COUNSELING

What do we mean by integrating theology and counseling at Gordon-Conwell—Hamilton

Integration is a variety of counseling theories, informed by diverse theological positions, which together help us to understand the complexity of human nature and functioning (Johnson & Jones, 2000, pp. 152-153)

At Gordon-Conwell, this integration is found in the:

- Degree requirements – the MACO degrees includes courses in theology and biblical studies
- Course lecture content – professors inform counseling theories with theological perspectives
- Class discussion – through the topics and content of class discussions
- Required readings – courses use a mixture of secular and Christian authors
- Academic work – assignments for courses include research and papers which incorporate theological perspectives and counseling theories
- Faculty – our full-time resident faculty all hold advanced degrees, and continue practices as counselors and psychologists