

# M.A. IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

*(CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH [CMH])*

## Degree Objectives, Requirements & Estimated Costs

Students in the M.A. in Christian Counseling-Clinical Mental Health (MACC-CMH) display the essential qualities of wisdom and maturity, and the skills necessary for excellence in the field of counseling. The Clinical Mental Health program focuses on diagnosis and treatment of mental health issues for individuals, couples, families, and groups. Graduates are license-eligible and qualified to sit for the National Counselor's Exam (NCE). Our alumni work in community counseling agencies, private practices, churches, hospitals, residential treatment facilities, eating disorder clinics, and many places internationally.

67 credit hours

completed in 3, 4, or 5 years

### CORE STUDIES

### COUNSELING

### INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

### FORMATION

**15** credits in theology + Old & New Testament survey courses

**42** credits in integrative counseling courses

**10** credits in integrative research + practicum + internships

**02** Klipowicz integrative events per year + counseling retreat + individual didactic counseling + Chapel



The MACC-Clinical Mental Health (CMH) program at the Charlotte, NC campus is both nationally and regionally accredited:

- Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP): 2019-2027
- The Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
- New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC)

## INTEGRATION AT GORDON-CONWELL

What do we mean by integrating theology and counseling theory at Gordon-Conwell—Charlotte?

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

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

- degree requirements – the MACC 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
- counseling retreat – this weekend experience provides time for networking, spiritual growth and personal renewal
- faculty – our full-time resident faculty all hold advanced degrees from Christian institutions, and continue practices as Christian counselors.

## PROGRAM & CURRICULAR DIVERSITY

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary—Charlotte recognizes that many of the counseling theories currently in use are not always the most effective approaches in working with diverse populations, or in addressing issues faced by diverse clients. The counseling faculty have intentionally shaped the curriculum to prepare students to make appropriate, informed adjustments to their professional practices through:

- Application of material in each course to work with diverse populations
- Student exposure to theoretical models that provides practical application to counseling with diverse populations
- Opportunities in clinical internships that enable students to adjust and apply theoretical knowledge and practical skills in cross-cultural clinical settings

## PROGRAM FEES

In addition to the posted fees for all Gordon-Conwell students, MACC students should anticipate the following fees as part of their program:

- A \$100 per-semester administrative fee that covers lab/assessment fees during the program
- A \$175 course fee for RC500: Counseling Retreat (must be taken once during the program; offered in even years)

MACC students should also be prepared to cover the following costs not charged by Gordon-Conwell:

- Twelve sessions of didactic counseling during the program
- Liability insurance during clinical rotations at practicum/internship sites (\$35-95/annually)

***Incoming MACC students should discuss with their degree advisor the completion plans for three, four, and five years, and should decide in their first semester which option best suits them.***

### CORE STUDIES

> **15** credits in core biblical and theological survey courses

Courses		Credits
OT500	Old Testament Survey*	3
NT501	New Testament Survey*	3
NT/OT517	Interpreting the Bible*	3
TH501	Theology Survey I	3
TH502	Theology Survey II	3

*\*This course must be completed in your first year.*

**\*Students who enter in the spring or summer semesters are limited to these courses prior to starting in the fall cohort schedule.**

### COUNSELING

> **42** credits in integrative counseling

Courses		Credits
CO502	Introduction to Counseling & Systems Theory	3
CO540	Helping Relationships	3
CO/SF610	Lifespan Development: Implications for Counseling	3
CO699	Research Methods & Design	3
CO710	Psychopathology	3
CO712	Multicultural Diversity in Counseling	3
CO/PC718	Group Dynamics	3
CO735	Assessment in Counseling	3
CO750	Counseling for Crisis & Addiction	3
CO770	Career & Lifestyle Development	3
CO790	Professional Standards & Christian Ethics for Counselors	3
CO850	Advanced Christian Counseling Models & Practice	3
CO614	Family Counseling Theory	3
CO713	Foundations in Play Therapy	3
CO714	Family Counseling/Therapy	3
CO716	Couples Counseling	3
CO719	Human Sexuality	3
CO720	Counseling Children	3

*Students may choose **two** of these courses to fulfill their counseling electives.*

### INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

> **10** credits in integrative research, practicum & internships

Courses		Credits
CO501	Introduction to Counseling Research+	1
CO650	Exit Evaluation	0
CO867	Clinical Counseling Practicum	3
CO868	Clinical Counseling Internship I	3
CO869	Clinical Counseling Internship II	3

*+This course must be completed in your first semester.*

### FORMATION

> **02** Klipowicz integrative events per year, counseling retreat, individual didactic counseling, and Friday night chapels

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