



GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN COUNSELING

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, M.S.
SCHOOL COUNSELING, M.S.

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“The counseling program at Hood College stood out for me above other programs because it is CACREP-accredited. It was also a top choice because of the faculty expertise, small class sizes, the opportunities provided to students and sense of community Hood provides.”

Brittany Spoor, M.S.'20

COUNSELING AT A GLANCE

The importance of mental health cannot be overstated. As millions of Americans struggle with depression, anxiety, addiction and other issues, clinical mental health and school counselors play a critical role in society. Our CACREP-accredited program is rigorous and selective by design, providing the advanced skill set necessary for state licensure and/or school counselor certification. Through active field training and careful guidance, you will earn the credentials to impact people's lives with a career in counseling.



UPGRADE YOUR EDUCATION

COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

Coursework in theory and principles of counseling, research and program evaluation, diagnosis and psychopathology, human development and more.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Required practicum and internships offer firsthand experience in a professional practice.



CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

You may complete a certificate in thanatology—the study of grief, dying and loss—to gain specialized expertise in a chosen field.



EXCEPTIONAL STANDARDS

One of only three graduate programs in Maryland offering degrees in both clinical mental health and school counseling accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP).



FLEXIBILITY

We offer full- or part-time enrollment to promote school-work-life balance.





CAREERS IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

GROWING WORKFORCE

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for mental health counselors will grow 24 percent by 2026, while employment for school counselors will grow 11 percent by 2030.

CROSS-INDUSTRY POTENTIAL

Mental health specialists are actively employed in a wide range of settings.

- Private practices
- Hospitals
- Substance abuse treatment facilities
- At-risk youth programs
- Social service and community mental health agencies
- K-12 schools, colleges and universities

YOUR NEW TITLE

A master's degree in mental health counseling qualifies you for numerous occupations.

- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Behavioral Health Therapist
- Psychotherapist
- Addiction Counselor
- Clinical Director



THE HOOD EXPERIENCE

AFFORDABLE

- We offer numerous funding plans, graduate assistantships and scholarships, including two grant-funded programs focused on increasing diversity in the behavioral health workforce.
- You may qualify for an annual tuition discount of \$1,000 through our NeighborHOOD Partners Program.

EXPERT FACULTY

- Our distinguished professors are licensed professionals who work from a scholar-practitioner framework and maintain industry connections in their field.
- Small class sizes and a low student-to-teacher ratio ensure our students receive personalized attention.

DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE

Our graduate school population comprises more than **1,000** students from **19** states and **25** different countries. We welcome students from all backgrounds, regardless of race, gender or gender identity, age, nationality, socio-economic status or other demographic factors.

CONVENIENT LOCATION

Our scenic campus is located in the heart of historic Frederick, with easy access to shops, restaurants, galleries and more. Close proximity to the I-270/I-70 corridor connects students with the greater metro area, including Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AT HOOD COLLEGE

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