

Master of Arts in Professional Counseling

fulfilling the educational requirements for a license in

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH

Advisement/Degree Plan

(Follow the course sequencing on the reverse side and consult your faculty advisor)

Student Name: _____ ID: _____ Advisor: _____

Directions: Write the grades you earned on the lines preceding the courses you have completed. Indicate with a “✓” courses in which you are currently enrolled.

Hours required for graduation: 68 (64.5 for students who qualify for advanced standing)

Christian Integration (9 credit hours*)

_____ GCSL 571 Theology of Counseling and Spirit-Empowerment		
_____ GCSL 528 Christian Approaches to Counseling	_____ GBIB 515	_____ Intro to Bib Lit or GCSL 626 Scriptures And Counseling

University, College, and Program Distinctives, Assessments, and Proficiency Courses (5 credit hours)

_____ PRFT 055	Spiritual Formation & Assessment	_____ PRFT 051	Professional Counseling Orientation ³
_____ PRFT 057	Mid-Level Assessment	_____ PRFT 064	Intro to Practicum/Internship
_____ PRFT 058	Candidacy-Level Assessment ⁺	_____ PRFT 065	Counselor Prep Comprehensive Exam ⁴
_____ GHPE 503	Grad Health Fitness		

Professional Counseling Common Core (33 Hours Required)

_____ GCSL 624	Counseling Diverse Populations ⁵⁺	_____ GCSL 650	Professional Ethics in Counseling ⁺
_____ GCSL 628	Crisis, Trauma, & Addictions Counseling	_____ GCSL 670	Psychopathology
_____ GCSL 630	Counseling Methods ⁺	_____ GCSL 679	Vocational Guidance ⁺
_____ GCSL 635	Human Growth & Development ⁺	_____ GCSL 681	Group Dynamics ⁺
_____ GCSL 643	Marital & Family Systems Theory ⁺	_____ GCSL 784	Counseling Research ⁺
_____ GCSL 640	Human Sexuality		

Clinical Mental Health Concentration (15 hours required)

_____ GCSL 625	Counseling Theories ⁺	_____ GCSL 724	Testing & Assessment I
_____ GCSL 676	Marriage Counseling	_____ GCSL 732	Testing & Assessment II OR
_____ GCSL 722	Counseling Across the Life Span	_____ GCSL 641	Assessment in MFT

Professional Experience (9 hours required)

_____ GCSL 763	Counseling Practicum ^{1,3}	_____ GCSL 781	Counseling Internship I ^{1,3}
		_____ GCSL 785	Counseling Internship II ^{1,3+}

Optional Concentration Areas

Addictions Counseling (additional 12 hours of concentration studies)
Marriage and Family (additional 9 hours of concentration studies)

¹Prerequisites Required

²Students may take undergraduate HPE courses with the GHPE 503 prerequisite. **GHPE 515 or 525** is available for grad students. ORU undergraduate alumni may receive advanced standing; a petition may be required.

³Background check assessment in PRFT 064 and, along with liability insurance, is required in GCSL 763/781/785. The FTP requirements must also be met as a prerequisite.

⁴A fee of \$150-200 will be charged by the Center for Credentialing and Education.

⁵Students may petition for GCSL 570 Religious Diversity in Counseling to replace GCSL 624.

⁶Testing & Assessment I is not a prerequisite for Testing & Assessment II.

ORU Graduate School of Counseling
MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING -- CMH Concentration
Fast-Track Degree Plan Schedule

Course Sequencing 2026-27

Semester map, if Adv. Standing for Prereqs

*Course offering rotation—2 years, after BA/BS**

Total Hours needed to graduate: **68**
 (64.5 for students who qualify for advanced standing)

Name _____

Date ____/____/____

Course Code/Title	Credit	Course Code/Title	Credit
Fast Track Classes Available during Bachelor's Degree:			
FALL—During Bachelor's Degree		SPRING—During Bachelor's Degree	
GCSL 528 Christian Approaches to Cslng (R, B ^a)	3	GCSL 630 Counseling Methods (R)	3
GCSL 643 MFT Systems Theory (R)	3	GCSL 628 Crisis, Trauma, & Addctns (R)	3
Total Fall credits during fast track	6	Total Spring credits during fast track	6

Students should apply to the MAPC program by January of their Senior Years.

Summer immediately following B.A./B.S. for Fast-Track Students:

Students have the option of enrolling in GCSL 722 immediately after beginning the program, or in the Summer semester immediately following MAPC Graduation.

GCSL 722 Counseling Across the Lifespan (B^b)⁶ 3 *-722 begins late June, providing a 6-wk break after BA/BS.*

As Fully Enrolled MAPC Student:

FALL—First Year		SPRING—First Year	
GCSL 724 Testing & Assessment I (R,B ^b)	3	GCSL 676 Marriage Counseling (R,B ^a)	3
GCSL 635 Human Growth & Development (R,O)	3	GCSL 732 Testing & Assess II ⁴ (B ^b)	3
GCSL 670 Psychopathology (R,B ^a)	3	Or 641 or Assmt. Of MFT (B ^b)	
PRFT 051 Orientation to Professional Counseling	0.5	GCSL 679 Vocational Guidance (2)	3
PRFT 055 Spiritual Formation & Assessment	0	PRFT 064 Intro to Practicum/Internship	0.5
Total credits this semester	9.5	GCSL 650 Professional Ethics	3
		PRFT 057 Mid-Level Assessment ³	0
		Total credits this semester	12.5
SUMMER—First Year		<i>*Practicum and Internship are pending approval through the Fitness to Practice process, which assesses for professional dispositions, including remediation if warranted.</i>	
GCSL 681 Group Dynamics (B ^a)	3		
GCSL 625 Counseling Theories	3		
GCSL 763 Counseling Practicum ³ (O)*	3		
Total credits this semester	9		
FALL – Second Year*		SPRING – Second Year*	
GCSL 781 Counseling Internship I ³	3	HPE Elective	0.5
GCSL 640 Human Sexuality (R,B ^a)	3	GCSL 785 Counseling Internship II ³⁺	3
GCSL 626 Counseling and Scripture	3	PRFT 065 Counselor Prep Comp Exam	0
GCSL 624 Counseling Diverse Populations ⁵⁺	3	GCSL 571 Theology of Counseling and Spirit-empowerment	3
Total credits this semester	12	PRFT 058 Candidacy-Level Assessment	0
		Total credits this semester	6.5

SUMMER – Immediately following MAPC Graduation – May take up to 6 credits immediately following graduation:

GCSL 784 Counseling Research (B^a) 3
 GCSL 722 Counseling Across the Lifespan (B^b) 3

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³Background check assessment in PRFT 064 and, along with liability insurance, is required in GCSL 763/781/785.

⁴Can substitute GCSL 641, Assessment in Marriage & Family; Testing & Assessment I is *not* a content prerequisite.

⁵Students may petition for GCSL 570 Religious Diversity in Counseling to replace GCSL 624.

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* If you need to maintain full-time status in order to be eligible for financial aid and/or academic scholarships, remember that it is defined as 9 credit hours in each of the fall and spring semesters, and 6 credit hours over the summer.

For Blended, B^a refers to the earlier weeks in the semester; B^b refers to the later weeks. Exact weeks vary with the semester.

NOTE: Students are ultimately responsible for the courses they take and the order in which they take them. Should students deviate from the proposed plan, they could jeopardize their graduation within the prescribed time limit. **UNDERGRAD COURSES WILL NOT BE CREDITED TO STUDENT'S DEGREE AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID.** Students are encouraged to consult their faculty advisors.