



Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling

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Make an impact with a master's degree in mental health counseling

Mental illnesses are among the most common health conditions in the United States. One in 5 Americans will experience a mental illness each year. Now more than ever, there is a great need, and dedicated mental health counselors can make a difference.

Through Davenport's Master of Arts in mental health counseling program, you will gain the skills needed to help individuals and families who are faced with life's greatest challenges. As a graduate of the program, you'll enter the workforce ready and equipped to work with clients of all ages and backgrounds in individual, group and family settings.

The skills you need to thrive as a counselor aren't just learned in a classroom — they're built through experience. With Davenport's Master of Arts in mental health counseling program, you'll gain real-world experience through a 100-hour practicum in a mental health setting and a 600-hour internship in the counseling field under the supervision of a qualified mental health provider.

Experience the Davenport difference:

- One-on-one attention: Gain advanced knowledge and specialized skills in small classes that offer individualized attention from highly credentialed faculty.
- Expand your impact: Develop the skills necessary to help future clients overcome addictions, substance abuse, grief, self-esteem issues, marital difficulties and more.
- Experience hands-on learning: Prepare for the real world through a 100-hour practicum in a mental health setting and a 600-hour internship in the counseling field under the supervision of a qualified mental health professional.

Sources: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Population Health; Davenport University Financial Aid Awards, 2023/2024; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Education; National Center for Education Statistics; IPEDS; Davenport University, 2024/2025 Catalog



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\$59,650**

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range in the U.S.

Career title examples:

- Clinical Mental Health Counselor
- Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)
- Behavior Analyst
- Case Manager
- Clinician
- Counselor
- Mental Health Program Specialist
- Mental Health Therapist

Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling, MA (60 credits)

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Students entering the master's program already have a bachelor's degree. Davenport University accepts students with a bachelor's degree in any field! Courses in the program — which are available 100% online — will help you develop advanced skills and specialized knowledge necessary to become a mental health counselor, including counseling and advising individuals and groups to promote a healthy mental and emotional state, with an emphasis on prevention. What's more, Davenport coursework and learning outcomes align with Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) standards, which meet the state of Michigan's licensing requirements and those of many other states.

With your advanced mental health counseling degree, you'll be well-positioned for a career spent enriching the lives of even more people in a variety of settings, including health care organizations, rehabilitation centers and youth homes.

Additionally, Davenport is committed to supporting our students every step of the way. That's why we've incorporated a 1:1 mentorship program. It pairs you, an incoming student, with a second-year student and/or faculty member. You'll begin building a network immediately and have a strong team to lean on and learn from.

Health and Human Service Case Management, BS / Mental Health Counseling, MA (157 credits)

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Accelerate your college education and start your counseling career sooner by embarking on a pathway designed to take you from health and human service case management (HHCM) to mental health counseling (MHC). This unique pathway allows you to earn both a Bachelor of Science in HHCM and a Master of Arts in MHC — all in less time and with fewer credits.

This pathway combines the skills from a degree in HHCM — guiding and facilitating treatment — with advanced patient counseling skills gained through the mental health counseling program. You'll start your mental health counseling career one year faster and become a valuable resource for patients sooner with the 3+2 pathway to mental health counseling.

To apply or view the curriculum online, go to davenport.edu/mentalhealthcounseling or call/text 800.686.1600 to connect with an admissions representative.