The **Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling** program is registered with New York State as a licensure qualifying program and is accredited by the Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC) for the period of August, 2016 through August, 2026.

Under New York State Education Law Article 163, the practice of mental health counseling includes:

- the evaluation, assessment, amelioration, treatment, modification or adjustment to a disability, problem, or disorder of behavior, character, development, emotion, personality or relationships by the use of verbal or behavioral methods with individuals, couples, families, groups, in private practice, or organized settings; and
- the use of assessment instruments and mental health counseling and psychotherapy to identify, evaluate and treat dysfunctions and disorders for purposes of providing appropriate mental health counseling services.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is a 60-credit 2 ½ year program. The curriculum is composed of 16 courses as well as one practicum and three internship courses (for a total of 700 hours of fieldwork experience). There’s a required weekly Pro-Seminar for first year students, and comprehensive exams after the second year of classes. Upon completion of the program, students will satisfy the educational requirements for licensure. After graduation and 3,000 hours of supervised experience under a limited-permit in an appropriate workplace setting, applicants will be eligible to sit for a state exam in order to become a licensed mental health counselor.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0
- 15-19 undergraduate credits in psychology:
  - General or Introductory
  - Child or Adolescent or Developmental
  - Psychopathology or Abnormal
  - Personality Theory
  - Methods in Psychology or Experimental Psychology
  - Statistics for the Social Sciences
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $75.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island. Veterans are exempt from paying the application fee. Veterans must provide proof of their Veteran/Military status in order to be waived from paying the application fee.

Letter of Intent:
A one- to two-page letter of intent, detailing interest in the field, academic and related experience (if any) and the reason(s) for selecting this field of study.

Letters of Recommendation:
Two letters of recommendation are required. At least one letter should be from a former professor.

English Proficiency Examination: The TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE exam is required of students for whom English is a second language.

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): The minimum required scores are 600 (Paper), 250 (Computer), or 100 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. The minimum required score is 7 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): Minimum required score is 68. For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the PTE website at www.pearsonpte.com.

Interview and Writing Sample:
After initial review, applicants may be selected for an on-site interview and on-site writing sample.

DEADLINE

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program only admits new applicants for the fall semester. The priority deadline for the fall semester is March 10. Space permitting, the admissions committee in the Department of Psychology will give full consideration to applications received after March 10.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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