

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH (ON CAMPUS OR ONLINE)

Department: Counseling (<https://catalog.bradley.edu/graduate/education-health-sciences/education-counseling-leadership/>)

The Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Mental Health objectives are to:

1. Advance needed skills in the mental health profession.
2. Provide needed course requirements for the Certified Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CCMHC) certification through the National Board of Certified Counselors.
3. Allow graduate counselors from a 48-51 semester hour master degree program to further their educational studies.

## Admissions

All candidates for this certificate will preferably hold a master degree in counseling from a CACREP approved program. Any other type of credentialing must be assessed by the Department of Counseling.

### Application and Screening Interview Procedures for Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Mental Health for master graduates of the Department of Counseling and Master of Arts in Counseling Program

1. Prospective candidates for certification must formally apply to the Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Mental Health. Application materials for each candidate shall consist of:
  - a. Bradley Certification Application Form and all standard graduate application forms from Graduate Education.
  - b. Two letters of recommendation.
  - c. Copies of all official transcripts including master's degree.
2. Upon receipt of all admission materials, the Counseling faculty will deliberate over admission of applicants. After faculty decisions, applicants will be notified through a letter. If there is no consensus for acceptance, applicants will be sent a letter outlining faculty concerns and requiring the applicant to interview with Counseling faculty to address identified concerns. Following the screening interview applicants will be notified by letter of final disposition of their application.
3. Upon successful application and screening, applicants must complete a plan of study based upon a transcript review and any identified deficit coursework and experience.

In all cases, submission of materials does not guarantee acceptance into any program offered by the Department of Counseling, nor does such submission guarantee interim certification approval and signature by appropriate college officers.

### Application and Screening Interview Procedures for Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Mental Health for master's graduates from other CACREP accredited programs

1. Prospective candidates for certification must formally apply to the Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Mental Health. Application materials for each candidate shall consist of:

- a. Formal application to the Certification Program, including Bradley Certification Application form and all standard graduate application forms from Graduate Education.
  - b. Two letters of recommendation.
  - c. Official copies of transcripts.
  - d. Copies of course syllabi and/or course catalog descriptions as determined by Counseling faculty.
2. Students in this category may be asked to submit a video recording of counseling skills as part of their admission packet.
  3. Upon receipt of admission materials all applicants are required to complete a screening interview. The screening interview shall be the same as the interview currently required for applicants to the Department of Education, Counseling, and Leadership Master of Arts in Counseling program. Following the screening interview applicants will be notified by letter of final disposition of their application.
  4. Upon successful application and screening, applicants must complete a plan of study based upon a transcript review and identified deficit coursework and experience.

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### Application and Screening Interview Procedures for Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Mental Health for master's graduates from non-CACREP accredited programs or post-master's graduates in related fields, e.g., social work or psychology

1. Prospective candidates for certification must formally apply to the Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Mental Health. Application materials for each candidate shall consist of:
  - a. Formal application to the Certification Program, including Bradley Certification Application form and all standard graduate application forms from Graduate Education.
  - b. Two letters of recommendation.
  - c. Bradley-equivalent GRE/MAT, GPA.
2. Students in this category may be asked to submit a video recording of counseling skills as part of their admission packet.
3. Upon receipt of admission materials all applicants are required to complete a screening interview. The screening interview shall be the same as the interview currently required for applicants to the Department of Education, Counseling, and Leadership Master of Arts in Counseling program. Following the screening interview applicants will be notified by letter of final disposition of their application.
4. Upon successful application and screening, applicants must complete a plan of study based upon a transcript review and any identified deficit coursework and experience. This plan of study must include COU 620 Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice and COU 622 Counseling: Ethics and the Law.

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## Transcript Evaluation to Pursue Counseling Certification

### Certification Only in Counseling

Individuals wishing to pursue clinical mental health counseling certification will pay a transcript analysis and assessment fee of \$50. If the student enrolls as a graduate student in either Bradley University's Master of Arts in Counseling program or as a certification only student, this fee will be applied towards tuition. For further information, please contact the Associate Dean and Director of the Department of Counseling.

## Requirements - 12 Hrs.

Code	Title	Hours
COU 530	Loss and Grief Counseling	1.0
COU 622	Counseling: Ethics and the Law	1.0
COU 630	Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3.0
COU 631	Trauma, Crisis and Grief Counseling	3.0
COU 632	Psychopharmacology in Counseling	1.0
COU 640	Clinical Supervision	2.0
COU Electives		3.0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>14</b>