

COMMUNITY COUNSELING (MA)

The MA in Counseling Psychology prepares students to help communities living with disparities in health and well-being, especially the under-served. Loyola's program is the place for you to commit to shifting this inequitable landscape.

Related Programs

Master's

- Community Counseling (MEd) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/education/counseling-psychology/community-counseling-med/>)

Doctoral

- Counseling Psychology (PhD) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/education/counseling-psychology-phd/>)
- School Psychology (PhD) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/education/school-psychology-phd/>)

Curriculum

The Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology requires 48 semester hours of graduate study focused in two major areas: counseling core and a specialty area. The program includes 450 clock hours of practicum/internship experience for six semester hours of course credit. Students must also take and pass a comprehensive examination during their final semester of study.

For more information about the following items, please refer to the Counseling Student Handbook 2023-2024 (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/education/counseling-psychology-phd/2023CPSYDOCTORALHANDBOOK.pdf>). (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/education/community-counseling-ma/2023CPSYMASTERSHANDBOOK.pdf>)

Coursework

Code	Title	Hours
Counseling Core		
CPSY 420	Counseling Skills	3
CPSY 421	Professional Issues Counseling	3
CPSY 423	Theory Counseling & Psychotherapy	3
CPSY 424	Career Development & Counseling	3
CPSY 425	Assessment in Counseling	3
CPSY 426	Group Counseling: Theory and Practice	3
CPSY 433	Multicultural Counseling	3
CPSY 454	Human Development: Cognitive, Aff & Phys Bases	3
RMTD 400	Introduction to Research Methodology	3
Community Counseling Research and Practice		
RMTD 482	Introduction to Linear Models	3
or RMTD 421	Educational Research II: Building a Body of Evidence Quantitative Method	
CPSY 427	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
CPSY 499	Independent Research ¹	3
CPSY 440	Practicum ²	3

CPSY 441	Internship	3
Select one research elective		3
RMTD 403	Survey Research	
RMTD 406	Educational Evaluation	
RMTD 420	Educational Research I: Building a Body of Evidence With Qualitative Method	
RMTD 421	Educational Research II: Building a Body of Evidence Quantitative Method	
RMTD 430	Psychological Measurement	
RMTD 483	Multivariate Statistics	
RMTD 484	Hierarchical Linear Models	
RMTD 487	Factor Analysis	
RMTD 488	Meta-Analysis	
PSYC 486	Methods of Program Evaluation	
Select one general elective		3
CPSY 527	Prevention, Advocacy, and Outreach: Community-Based	
CPSY 445	Family Therapy II	
CPSY 446	Marital/Couples Therapy	
CPSY 458	Adolescent Development and Counseling	
CPSY 482	Personality and Intellectual Assessment	
CPSY 535	Seminar in Supervision & Consultation	
CPSY 431	Advanced School Counseling & Consultation	
RMTD 404	Introduction to Educational Statistics	
Total Hours		48

Please note that PC and LCPC eligibility in Illinois requires CPSY 437 Addiction Counseling, CPSY 444 Family Therapy I, CPSY 528 Clinical Appraisal and Treatment Planning, and 700 hours of practicum/internship training.

- Students are required to participate on a faculty member's research team for one semester. CPSY 499 Independent Research should be taken at that time and the student should register for his or her faculty mentor's section of CPSY 499 Independent Research. Voluntary (i.e., not for course credit) participation in research for more than one semester is recommended.
- Practicum/Internship requires 450 hours of supervised experience in a setting relevant to community counseling practice.
- General Elective can be another course selected from Research Elective list, or 3 semester hours from this list.

Comprehensive Assessment

A comprehensive proctored examination is required. Please see the School of Education Academic Calendar for comprehensive exam dates.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
CPSY 420	Counseling Skills	3
CPSY 454	Human Development: Cognitive, Aff & Phys Bases	3
RMTD 400	Introduction to Research Methodology	3
Hours		9
Spring		
CPSY 421	Professional Issues Counseling	3
CPSY 423	Theory Counseling & Psychotherapy	3
CPSY 427	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
Research Elective		3
Hours		12
Summer		
CPSY 425	Assessment in Counseling	3
CPSY 426	Group Counseling: Theory and Practice	3
Hours		6
Year 2		
Fall		
CPSY 424	Career Development & Counseling	3
CPSY 433	Multicultural Counseling	3
CPSY 440	Practicum	3
Hours		9
Spring		
CPSY 441	Internship	3
CPSY 499	Independent Research	3
RMTD 482	Introduction to Linear Models	3
General Elective		3
Hours		12
Total Hours		48

Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede school policies.

Learning Outcomes

- You will engage in independent scholarship on questions important to counseling psychology, and develop and evaluate interventions to promote positive human development.
- You'll be equipped to pursue doctoral study and will graduate with competencies in research, ethical and legal standards, individual and cultural diversity, professional values and attitudes, communication and interpersonal skills, assessment, and clinical interventions.