COMMUNITY COUNSELING (MED)

Take the First Step on Your Journey to a Doctoral Degree in Counseling or Psychology

Become a licensed professional counselor, ready to tackle the systematic inequities in the educational system

Commit to disrupting the status quo and eliminating mental health disparities with a MED in Community Counseling. Our nationally recognized faculty are experts in social justice and ready to work with you to confront racism, achievement gaps, and other discrimination in our education system.

Curriculum

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Specialty Area

- CPSY 427 Clinical Mental Health Counseling | 3
- CPSY 437 Addiction Counseling | 3
- CPSY 444 Family Therapy I | 3
- CPSY 440 Practicum 1 | 3
- CPSY 441 Internship 1 | 3
- CPSY 528 Clinical Appraisal and Treatment Planning | 3

Specialty Elective

See program handbook for suggested courses. 2

Total Hours | 48

1 Practicum/Internship requires 700 hours of supervised experience in a setting relevant to community counseling practice.

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Comprehensive Assessment

A proctored examination is required. See program handbook for details. Comprehensive examination application deadlines are as follows (see the School of Education Academic Calendar for comprehensive exam dates)

Licensure

The curriculum of the MED program reflects current requirements for licensure in the State of Illinois. Licensure is handled by individual states, and portability of licensure across state lines differs according to each state. The Department of Professional Regulation in the State of Illinois has adopted the certification exam developed and administered by the National Board of Certified Counselors. Many states use this exam for licensure purposes, so scores from the exam can be transferred. Coursework, including the number of hours required, differ across states. Students interested in completing licensure or certification in another state are strongly advised to consult the professional regulation boards prior to enrolling at Loyola to determine the appropriate coursework required. Students should also stay apprised of licensure requirements throughout the program.

Practicum Sites

The Chicagoland area provides a wealth of clinical training opportunities for the students in community, school, and clinical mental health counseling programs. Students receive generalist training, but through site selection can begin to acquire population-specific competencies in working with children, adolescents, families, gay/lesbian/bisexual clients, and other groups of individuals. Many of the practicum sites also contain American Psychological Association-approved internship programs where trainees are provided with rigorous supervision and on-site seminars.

To discuss typical practicum settings and sites in Chicago and its suburbs, please contact Rufus Gonzales, Practicum Coordinator, at (312) 915-6378.