

# MA in Counseling

Fostering the mental health and well-being of all

The Edinboro University Counseling programs provide courses of study leading to a Master of Arts degree in Counseling with concentrations in school counseling, college counseling, clinical mental health counseling, clinical rehabilitation counseling, and art therapy. Students may also elect to concurrently enter the MA in Counseling program and the Post-Master's Certificate in Art Therapy program. School counseling, college counseling, and clinical mental health counseling programs are all CACREP accredited. Art Therapy is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design Commission on Accreditation and Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

**Overarching Mission Statement.** The students and faculty of the Counseling Programs at Edinboro University are a diverse community of learners collaboratively engaged in research, scholarship, leadership and service. Faculty are committed to providing developmentally sound academic and clinical experiences to educate counselors to be effective leader-practitioners in a pluralistic society. Collectively, our mission is to prepare professional counselors who embody ethical behavior, provide services to enhance the mental health and well-being of families, groups, couples, and individuals, and advocate on behalf of both the counseling profession and those who are served.

**Online Program Applicants:** It is important that online applicants who are applying to Counseling leading to state licensure in states other than Pennsylvania be aware of the various state professional licensure requirements. Please use this link to check the licensure requirements by state via [careeronestop.org](http://careeronestop.org): [Counseling Requirements by State](#)

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURES

Visit the Graduate School webpage and click the "Applying to Graduate School" link on the left side of the screen. Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the "Start Your Application" link on the Apply page.

CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email [help@collegenet.com](mailto:help@collegenet.com).

**Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:**

1. Complete the online application.
2. Pay an application fee of \$30.
3. Provide the name, email address, and place of employment for three (3) references (electronic reference requests will be emailed to each)
4. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
5. Complete an APA formatted writing sample of 500-750 words, with a minimum of two (2) references and citations answering the following:
  - a. Why do you want to study counseling/art therapy at Edinboro University?
  - b. What are the personal and professional experiences that have led you to choose a career in counseling/art therapy?
  - c. In your research, what have you learned about counseling/art therapy concentration?
6. An interview is a requirement of the admission process and the Program Head will contact the applicant, once the application is complete. Interviews are conducted using Zoom online.

### **Additional Requirements for Admission to the Art Therapy Concentration:**

1. A link to an online portfolio (ex. flickr, dropbox, snapfish) of 20 images of applicant's art demonstrating variety of 2-and 3-D pieces.
2. Prerequisites:
  - a. Psychology Credits: (12) graduate or undergraduate credits. A course in Abnormal Psychology or Psychopathology and a course in Developmental Psychology are required. Introduction to Psychology and Personality Theories are preferred for the additional six (6) credits. Twelve (12) credits must be taken before candidacy.
  - b. Studio Art credits: (18) graduate or undergraduate credits in 2 and 3-D studio art areas. Twelve credits must be completed before art therapy courses may be taken. Up to six (6) credits can be done as portfolio approval.
  - c. Six credits of prerequisites can be taken in the first year of the program, but must be finished before candidacy.

**For full consideration the application for a fall semester start must be received by February 15th; late applications will be considered on a space available basis until April 1st. Spring semester application must be received by October 15th; late applications will be considered on a space available basis until November 15th.**

## CURRICULUM All concentrations except Art Therapy

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### ALL COUNSELING PROGRAM REQUIRED CORE 30 Credit Hours

COUN 705 Group Processes

COUN 710 Appraisal Techniques in the Helping Professions

COUN 712 Human Development across the Lifespan

COUN 715 Career Development and Life Planning

COUN 720 Counseling and Consultation Theories

COUN 730 Supervised Counseling Practice

COUN 735 Counseling Practicum

COUN 745 Multicultural Counseling

COUN 755 Diagnosis and Assessment

COUN 794 Research Seminar in Guidance and Counseling  
or EDUC 788 Research in Education

COUN 795 Internship in Counseling

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### A. College Counseling Specialized Courses 30 credit hours

COUN 700 Introduction to the Helping Professions

COUN 707 Ethical and Professional Issues in Counseling

COUN 750 Study of the Individual in Higher Education

COUN 752 Law in Postsecondary Higher Education

COUN 753 Student Affairs Practice and Administration

COUN 755 Clinical Diagnosis and Intervention or

COUN 756 Counseling the College Student

COUN 795 Internship in Counseling

Elective Courses (6 credit hours)

### B. Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialized Courses 30 Credit Hours

COUN 704 Clinical Mental Health Counseling

COUN 754 Family Counseling

COUN 755 Clinical Diagnosis and Intervention

COUN 757 Child and Adolescent Counseling

COUN 791 Crisis and Addictions Counseling

COUN 795 Internship in Counseling

Elective Courses (9 credit hours)

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### C. Clinical Rehabilitation and Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialized Courses 33 Credit Hours

COUN 702 Introduction to Rehabilitation Counseling

COUN 754 Family Counseling

COUN 755 Clinical Diagnosis and Intervention

COUN 757 Child and Adolescent Counseling

COUN 780 Medical Information for the Helping Professions

COUN 782 Vocational Development, Services, and Resources in  
Rehabilitation

COUN 784 Psychosocial Aspects of Disabilities

COUN 788 Case Management, Rehabilitation Services, and  
Resources in Rehabilitation

COUN 791 Crisis and Addictions Counseling

COUN 795 Internship in Counseling

### D. School Counseling Specialized Courses 30 Credit Hours

COUN 700 Introduction to the Helping Professions

COUN 707 Ethical and Professional Issues in Counseling

COUN 740 Individual Development: Childhood through  
Adolescence

COUN 742 Developmental Counseling in Schools

COUN 744 Techniques for Counseling the Student with a Disability

COUN 795 Internship in Counseling

Elective Courses (9 credit hours)

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## CURRICULUM Art Therapy Concentration

### Core Courses 33 Credit Hours

COUN 710 Appraisal Techniques in the Helping Professions

COUN 712 Human Development across the Lifespan

COUN 715 Career Development and Life Planning

COUN 720 Counseling and Consultation Theories

COUN 730 Supervised Counseling Practice

COUN 735 Counseling Practicum

COUN 745 Multicultural Counseling

COUN 755 Diagnosis and Assessment

COUN 794 Research Seminar in Guidance and Counseling  
or EDUC 788 Research in Education

COUN 795 Internship in Counseling

### Required Specialized Courses 27 Credit Hours

ARTT 710 History and Theory of Art Therapy

ARTT 720 Media and Materials in Art Therapy

ARTT 730 Art Therapy Practice and Assessment

ARTT 735 Clinical and Group Art Therapy

ARTT 740 Professional Functioning, Standards, and Ethics in Art  
Therapy

ARTT 750 Current Trends in Art Therapy


ARTT 760 International Art Therapy

ARTT 791 Research Project in Art Therapy

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## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Candidacy-** Because of the nature of the role of the professional counselor, degree candidates of the programs must demonstrate such qualities as genuineness, warmth, empathy, ethics, professionalism, and interpersonal skills. Students will be evaluated on Knowledge, Skills and Dispositions necessary for professionals at various transition points through the program. Candidacy is the first point where these qualities will be formally evaluated. Both the individual student and faculty will have input into this evaluation.



Review of the Application for Admission to Candidacy is seen as very important and this review will include interpersonal skills as well as academic progress. The advisor presents the candidacy application for program staff recommendation. A degree student may not be admitted to Candidacy until (1) at least 12 semester hours of degree credit have been completed, (2) an Application for Admission to Candidacy has been filed with the advisor, and (3) the student has made satisfactory progress in her or his degree program (minimum of a 3.0 QPA).

**Comprehensive Exams-** The student must satisfactorily complete a comprehensive examination. Specific requirements for the comprehensive exams are outlined in the Counseling Advisement Guide, which will be made available to each student.

**Culminating Project-** A Master's Project or Thesis is required for graduation. Additional information concerning this requirement can be found in the Counseling Advisement Guide.

**Internship-** All degree seeking students must complete an internship. All students must have completed all core required courses in the area of specialty unless otherwise approved by the advisor and instructor. Generally speaking, the internship hours must be completed within the time frame of the 15 week semester. Thus, the interns would be on-site 40 hours per week (15 x 40=600). The student must make the necessary plans and arrangements in order to complete an internship. The Internship Manual contains more information regarding the internship experience. NOTE: Graduate assistantships are NOT available during internship. NOTE: Students may opt to divide the internship over two semesters. Students should discuss this option with their advisors. Additional information on 300 hours internships can be found in the Internship Manual.

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**For More Information:** If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at [gradstudies@edinboro.edu](mailto:gradstudies@edinboro.edu) or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

For questions specific to the MA in Counseling, please contact Dr. Adrienne Dixon at (814) 732-1932 or [amdixon@edinboro.edu](mailto:amdixon@edinboro.edu). For questions specific to the MA in Counseling – Art Therapy please contact Dr. Carolyn Treadon at (814) 732-1104 ([ctreadon@edinboro.edu](mailto:ctreadon@edinboro.edu)).

**Office for Accessibility Services:** For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Accessibility Services (OAS), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the OAS web page.

**Graduate Assistantships:** Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only, and are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Please call the School of Graduate Studies (814) 732-2856 for more information.

**Financial Aid Considerations:** An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to \$20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or [finaid@edinboro.edu](mailto:finaid@edinboro.edu).

**Employer Reimbursement:** Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

**Veterans' Education Benefits:** Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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