



M.A. FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

The Master of Arts in Forensic Mental Health Counseling program is designed for students who wish to become independent mental health clinicians to provide mental health services in forensic or legal settings. The Program also provides the appropriate foundation for future doctoral study in a Psy.D. program. Rooted in clinical practice, this program provides students with more than 200 hours of practicum work and 600 hours of internship experience to help students toward completing the necessary requirements to obtain licensure as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) or similar credential.

The Master of Arts in Forensic Mental Health Counseling seeks to:

- Prepare graduate students for careers as independent mental health clinicians in forensic settings
- Prepare graduate students for further academic training at the doctoral level (Psy.D.) in applied, clinical, experimental, or legal psychology
- Provide students with training in the areas of clinical assessment and intervention
- Provide students with internship/practicum experiences that will promote and develop professional skills in clinical forensic psychology

Credits: 60

Time to Completion
Two Years

CAMPUS LOCATION
Bristol, Rhode Island

Who It's For
Students looking to become independent mental health clinicians in forensic settings or who wish to pursue future Psy.D. study

Course Load
Full-time only

Key Features
Comprehensive internship and practicum opportunities in forensic settings, competitive scholarships

Application Deadline
February 1
for Scholarship Consideration
February 15
General Application Deadline

CURRICULUM

Required Core Courses: 39 credits

PSYCH 500 Methods and Evaluation
PSYCH 503 Forensic Psychology
PSYCH 505 Introduction to Clinical Assessment
PSYCH 509 Methods of Psychotherapy I
PSYCH 513 Vocational Counseling
PSYCH 514 Helping Relationships
PSYCH 515 Introduction to Group Counseling
PSYCH 519 Methods in Psychotherapy II
PSYCH 521 Adult Psychopathology
PSYCH 532 Multicultural Competence in Psychological Practice
PSYCH 533 Law and Mental Health
PSYCH 534 Advanced Developmental Psychology
PSYCH 550 Professional Ethics in Psychology

An additional assessment course: 3 credits

PSYCH 506 Assessment in Criminal Law; or
PSYCH 512 Child Assessment

Advanced Electives: 6 credits

PSYCH 518 Trauma
PSYCH 522 Biological Perspectives in Mental Health
PSYCH 529 Health Psychology Interventions
PSYCH 531 Family Violence
PSYCH 535 Group Dynamics: Methods and Design
PSYCH 540 Advanced Personality Psychology
PSYCH 543 Substance Abuse Counseling

Clinical Practicum: 6 credits

PSYCH 591 Clinical Practicum I
PSYCH 592 Clinical Practicum II

Clinical Internship: 6 credits

PSYCH 598 Clinical Internship I
PSYCH 598 Clinical Internship II

(MINIMUM OF 60 CREDITS)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications to the program are due by February 15 for fall admission. Students should have an undergraduate degree in psychology, criminal justice, or a related field and have satisfactorily completed coursework in research methods and statistics to be considered.

To apply, applicants must submit the following items to the Office of Graduate Admission:

1. Completed application form accompanied by the \$50 application fee
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
3. Letter of Intent (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your interest in the program, your career goals, and how you can positively contribute to the graduate program at Roger Williams University
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation attesting to your potential to succeed in graduate school
5. If your first language is not English, an official report of Duolingo, IELTS, or TOEFL results

To read more about the application process and how to submit your materials, please visit grad.rwu.edu/apply.

SAMPLE PSY.D. PLACEMENTS

- > Alliant International University
- > Nova Southeastern University
- > Pacific University
- > Spaulding University
- > University of Denver
- > University of Indianapolis
- > William James College
- > Wright State University

SAMPLE PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

- > Eleanor Slater Hospital
- > Federal Bureau of Prisons
- > Gateway Healthcare
- > Massachusetts Department of Corrections
- > Massachusetts Treatment Center
- > North American Family Institute of Rhode Island
- > Newport Counseling Center
- > Rhode Island Training School for Boys
- > South Bay Community Services

EMPLOYERS

- > Day One Sexual Assault and Trauma Recovery Center
- > Donald W Wyatt Detention Center
- > Justice Resource Institute
- > Lifespan
- > Massachusetts Department of Children and Families
- > Massachusetts Department of Corrections
- > Massachusetts Treatment Center
- > Rhode Island Department of Corrections
- > Rhode Island Family Court
- > South Bay Community Services