

# M.A. FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING



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The Master of Arts in Forensic Mental Health Counseling program is designed for students who wish to become master's level 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 master's level mental health counselors 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 Licensed Mental Health Counselors 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

#### **Application Deadline**

February 1  
for Scholarship Consideration

February 15  
General Application Deadline

**Roger Williams  
University**  
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

# 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 Psychopharmacology  
PSYCH 529 Health 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

## 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. Official report of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores sent directly by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The ETS School Code for Roger Williams University is 3729.
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation attesting to your potential to succeed in graduate school
6. If your first language is not English, an official report of TOEFL or IELTS results

To read more about the application process and how to submit your materials, please visit [grad.rwu.edu/apply](https://grad.rwu.edu/apply).

## SAMPLE PSY.D. PLACEMENTS

- Alliant International University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- La Salle University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Pacific University
- University of Denver
- University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
- William James College

## PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

- Day One Sexual Assault and Trauma Recovery Center
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Massachusetts Department of Corrections
- Massachusetts Treatment Center for Sexually Dangerous Persons
- Newport Counseling Center
- Rhode Island Training School for Boys
- South Bay Mental Health Center

## EMPLOYERS

- AdCare Hospital
- Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- Day One Sexual Assault and Trauma Recovery Center
- Donald W Wyatt Detention Center
- Family Service Association
- Lifespan
- Massachusetts Department of Children and Families
- North American Family Institute, Inc.
- Riverbend Community Mental Health, Inc.
- South Bay Mental Health Center