**Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling**

 Students who complete the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling will:

1. Understand professional issues relevant to the practice of counseling and psychology; and demonstrate the ability to apply and adhere to the legal and ethical guidelines of the counseling profession.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of and appreciation for individual differences and the diversity of social, cultural and environmental influences on human behavior, and apply multicultural competencies in practice.
3. View human behavior, problems, and concerns from a perspective of human growth and development.
4. Develop an understanding of career development and related life factors and the effects on an individual’s mental health and lifestyle.
5. Demonstrate knowledge, skill and multicultural competency related to counseling needs in the clinical mental health setting: etiology, diagnosis, assessment, treatment, and prevention of mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.
6. Demonstrate theoretical and experiential understanding of the principles, issues, and dynamics of group work; and be able to ethically and competently conduct group counseling.
7. Be able to accurately interpret, evaluate and contribute to professional research literature, and to guide and evaluate counseling practices through research and program evaluation.
8. Demonstrate self-awareness, social and environmental responsibility, and a commitment to services and lifelong learning.