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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Science in Counseling (MSC) program is designed to develop licensable professional counselors and to prepare students for further graduate study in related doctoral programs. The program promotes scholarship, professionalism, excellence in counseling, and recognizes high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence.

Professional counselors practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, substance abuse treatment centers, schools, colleges, universities, rehabilitation facilities, community counseling agencies, court systems, and other settings in which counseling or other mental health services are offered. Graduates are prepared throughout their program of study in regard to professional identity, social and cultural diversity, human growth and development, career development, helping relationships, group work, assessment, and research. It is recognized that advances in knowledge, skills, and technology within the profession require life-long continuing education for counselors.

Our program is based upon the practitioner-scientist model of training. The program places primary emphasis on counseling related skills and theory. A secondary emphasis is placed on teaching research design and methodology to maintain the relationship between clinical practice and its empirical basis.

Our program encourages the use of a wellness model in which cognitive, emotional, and behavioral problems are viewed from a developmental perspective. Our students develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to provide mental health services to increase quality of life for clients across the lifespan.



The Master of Science in Counseling at LSUS is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). CACREP accreditation is a requirement for licensure in many states.

CURRICULUM

The MSC program at LSUS consists of 60 graduate semester hours. The MSC with concentration in Rehabilitation Counseling is 69 hours. Programs of study for the MSC degree incorporate the academic requirements needed for subsequent licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Louisiana. Curricular emphases include Professional Orientation & Ethical Practice, Social & Cultural Diversity, Human Growth & Development, Career Development, Helping Relationships, Group Work, Assessment, and Research & Program Evaluation.

ADMISSIONS

Prospective MSC students must first apply for Graduate Admissions at lsus.edu, then apply separately for the MSC program. Please email your application to msc@lsus.edu. After a final interview with faculty, admission to the program is granted.

MSC APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Application Cover Sheet
- Two Letters of Reference
- Statement of Intent

MSC ADMISSION DEADLINES:

- March 30 to begin summer semester
- April 30 to begin fall semester
- October 30 to begin spring semester