Counseling Psychology (COPS)

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College of Education Doctorate Program in Counseling Psychology website (http://www.marquette.edu/education/grad/cecp_doctorate.shtml)

Degree Offered
Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description
Our doctoral program in counseling psychology is based on a scientist-practitioner model for training professional psychologists and is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association. Students acquire a solid foundation of knowledge in the biological, cognitive, affective, individual and social bases of human behavior. Through course work in research design, measurement and statistics, students develop the skills needed to critically evaluate psychological research and to conduct their own independent research. Training in diagnosis, assessment, psychotherapy, consultation, practica, internship and ethics provides students with the necessary professional skills to practice as competent and ethical counseling psychologists. Supervised practica and internship experiences are available through the university’s Counseling Center and at a wide variety of community sites. Graduates are prepared to practice as psychologists, professors, consultants, administrators and researchers.

Counseling Psychology Doctoral Requirements
The counseling psychology program consists of 27 credits of course work in psychological foundations, 52 credits of course work in the counseling psychology professional core, a minimum of 1000 hours of doctoral practicum, a collaborative research project and a 12-credit dissertation, as well as an approved 2000-hour internship typically completed in one calendar year. Students are required to participate in faculty research teams throughout the program and are also required to participate in department seminars and colloquia.

Students who have completed relevant graduate course work prior to entry into the program may have some of their requirements waived if the previous course work is equivalent to the courses currently required by the program.

Course Requirements

Psychological Foundations
COPS 6040 Social Basis of Behavior 3
COPS 6050 Biological Bases of Behavior 3
COPS 6060 Cognitive-Affective Bases of Behavior 3
COUN 6020 Life-Span Human Development 3
COUN 6060 Psychopathology and Diagnosis 3

Statistics, Research Design and Psychometrics
COPS 8310 Intermediate Research and Statistics 3
COPS 8311 Advanced Statistics and Research 3
COPS 8320 Measurement and Evaluation 3
COPS 8330 Qualitative Research Methods in Psychology 3

Professional Core
COUN 6000 Introduction to Counseling 3
COUN 6030 Theories of Counseling 3
COUN 6040 Multicultural Counseling 3
COUN 6080 Career Development and Counseling 3
COUN 6120 Group Counseling 3
COUN 6220 Consultation Strategies 3
COPS 8000 Introduction to Counseling Psychology 3
COPS 8020 Professional Ethics and Legal Issues 3
COPS 8210 Cognitive Assessment 3
COPS 8220 Personality Assessment 3
COPS 8870 Foundations in Clinical Supervision 2
COPS 8970 Practicum in Clinical Supervision 1

Practicum
COUN 6965 Counseling Practicum 3
COUN 6986 Internship in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Completed over two terms) 3
Counseling Psychology Practicum (Completed over four terms) 4

Electives - Choose two of the following: 6

- COUN 6130 Family Counseling
- COUN 6150 Addictions Counseling
- COUN 6170 Trauma Counseling
- COUN 6160 Counseling with Children and Adolescents
- COUN 6230 Psychopharmacology
- COUN 6400 Leadership and Administration of Mental Health Counseling Services

Pre-doctoral Internship
- COPS 8955 Internship Preparation Seminar 0
- COPS 8986 Internship in Counseling Psychology (Completed over three consecutive terms) 3

Collaborative Research Project - 0 credits

Dissertation
- CECP 8999 Doctoral Dissertation 12

Total Credit Hours 91

Examination Requirements

- Master's Comprehensive Examination: Students are required to pass the Counselor Preparation and Comprehensive Examination, administered each spring, unless they enter the program with an appropriate master's degree. Students without an appropriate master’s degree must also pass this a portfolio doctoral qualifying examination no later than (DQE) which is evaluated near the second year end of their course work in the doctoral program.

- Portfolio Doctoral Qualifying Examination: Students must pass a portfolio doctoral qualifying examination (DQE) which is evaluated near the end of the course work in the program. Students must pass the portfolio DQE and have their dissertation proposals accepted before they can apply for an internship. To be advanced to candidacy, students must pass the DQE, have their dissertation proposal accepted, complete all program course work and the Graduate School's residency requirement.