

Master of Science (M.S.) in CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING (CMHC)



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MENTORING COMPASSIONATE COUNSELORS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

The Master of Science (M.S.) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program at Molloy University is designed to provide graduate students the professional identity, core knowledge, necessary practical skills, and multicultural sensitivity to excel in a variety of mental health settings. Our 60-credit-hour, New York State-approved program can be completed in three years and fulfills the educational requirements for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor established by the New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions.

Successful graduates of the Molloy University M.S. in CMHC will be eligible for licensure as Mental Health Counselors in New York State upon completion of 3,000 post-Master's hours of supervised mental health counseling work and the passing of the state licensing examination.

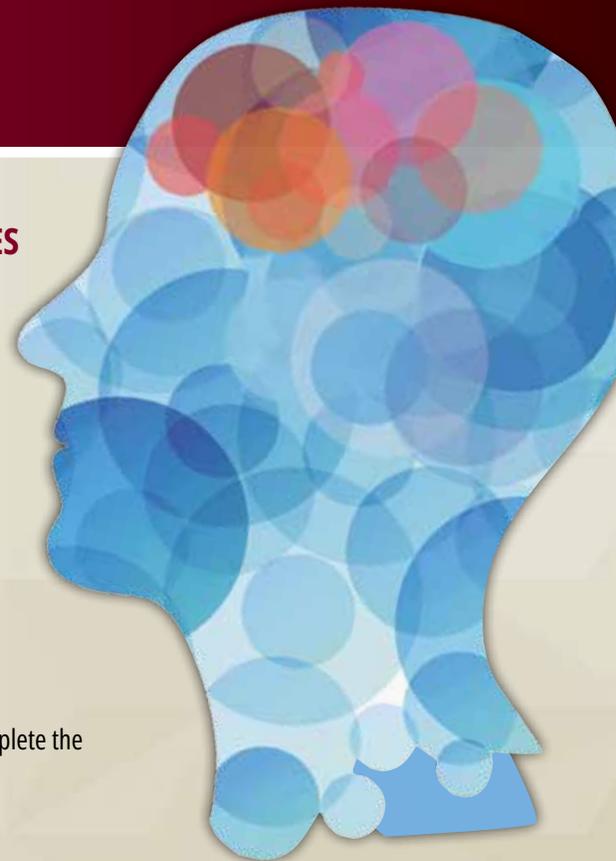
WHAT MAKES OUR PROGRAM UNIQUE

- Year-round evening classes allow for scheduling flexibility while still being able to complete the program in three years
- Comprehensive clinical training working with diverse populations
- Student-friendly atmosphere and small class size
- Experienced and supportive faculty
- Opportunities for clinical and research collaboration
- Diagnostic Privilege Designation, awarded by the New York State Education Department, ensures that graduates of the program meet the educational requirements for diagnostic authority
- Our active Chi Sigma Iota chapter, Mu Chi Nu, provides eligible students and alumni with opportunities for professional engagement and collaboration

CMHC PROGRAM MISSION

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program incorporates Molloy University's vibrant tradition of "study, spirituality, service, and community" to prepare expertly trained counselors to be highly effective in today's ever-changing human service field. Through "transformative education," Molloy University's mission is to promote a "lifelong search for truth and the development of ethical leadership." The goal of our CMHC program is to embrace the University's mission and graduate students who have the professional identity, core knowledge, necessary state-of-the-art practical skills, and multicultural sensitivity to excel as mental health counselors in a variety of professional mental health employment settings.

As a University, Molloy places heavy emphasis on service to the community, especially to those in need. The CMHC program captures the essence of this mission, and it is our intention and hope that the students we prepare for the counseling profession will dedicate much of their energies and activities to helping those in need and serving their communities.



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PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

With the support of the program's Clinical Coordinator, students engage in rigorous clinical experiences that prepare the student to excel as a mental health counselor. A practicum of 100 clock hours as part of a one-semester course is required. Additionally, a 600 clock-hours (part of a two-semester course) supervised internship in mental health counseling in a Molloy University approved mental health setting is required.

THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER (MHWC)

The MHWC provides affordable, high-quality psychotherapy services for individuals in our community. Graduate students from the CMHC Program provide counseling services under the supervision of Licensed Mental Health Counselors as part of their clinical experience. The MHWC utilizes state-of-the-art technology, with secure observation and recording equipment, to support and enhance the learning experience of student counselors at the Mental Health and Wellness Center.

ACCREDITATION

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), is the gold standard accrediting body for Counseling programs and recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Accredited Programs provide:

- Recognition that the program has been evaluated and meets or exceeds national standards
- Knowledge that the graduate has met the prerequisites for credentialing and is ready for entry into professional practice
- Understanding that the focus of the program will be on professional counseling, not psychology, education or other helping professions

FACULTY

Our courses are taught by licensed mental health counselors and diverse faculty with extensive clinical experience. Dedicated to developing knowledgeable and well-prepared professionals, Molloy's faculty emphasizes service learning, experiential education, and transformative growth. We foster strong counselor identities through scholarly excellence, compassion, and competent practice. Believing that education extends beyond the degree, we encourage lifelong learning, research, and publication to advance professional competence and the counseling field.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a rapidly growing profession, Clinical Mental Health Counselors have many career options and work in a variety of settings, including:

- Private practice
- Community clinics and agencies
- Substance abuse treatment centers
- Hospitals
- Crisis management agencies
- In-home counseling
- Residential, day and out-patient treatment programs

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