

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION - COUNSELING

Concordia offers multiple Counseling Education tracks:

1. School Counselor (K-12) – WDPI License #7054. The School Counselor Program is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The program follows the licensing requirements for school counselors.
2. Professional Counselor – WDSPS Certificate 226-Licensed Professional Counselor in Training students may also be endorsed for a Substance Abuse Counselor in Training (SAC-IT) 130 License - See the counseling program director for specifics on SAC-IT endorsement requirements.
3. Counseling Foundations - Non-Licensable Degree - See counseling program director for specifics for this counseling master degree alternative.
4. The Christian Counseling Certificate is a 15-credit program designed for individuals who are currently working in or planning to work in a church, church school, or Christian agency setting.

The Objectives of the Counseling Degree

Concordia University's Graduate Counseling Program prepares its graduates to be ethical servant leaders who value the diversity of God's children and embrace social justice with compassion. Graduates help others to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives in mind, body and spirit.

Graduates of the Counseling program will:

- Integrate evidence-based counseling theories, techniques and interventions into professional practice
- Adhere to professional and ethical standards
- Actively engage in self-reflection and lifelong learning
- Serve clients according to their unique diverse needs
- Help clients to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives in mind, body and spirit
- Analyze needs of clients and students based on data and assessments

Students from outside of Wisconsin

Please keep in mind that upon successful completion of the program, you will be endorsed for licensure in the state of Wisconsin. You are encouraged to explore what you will need in your state to complete your practicum experiences as well as licensure as a school counselor or professional counselor. You will need to meet all criteria in the state of Wisconsin to complete your degree through Concordia. Exploration of these criteria for practicum and licensure is your responsibility and should be completed prior to entering the program or as soon as possible upon admittance to the program.

International Students

Please keep in mind that upon successful completion of the program, you will be endorsed for licensure in the state of Wisconsin. You are encouraged to explore what you will need in your country to complete your practicum experience as well as licensure as a school counselor or professional counselor. You will need to meet all criteria in the state of Wisconsin to complete your degree through Concordia. Exploration of these criteria for practicum and licensure is your responsibility and

should be completed prior to entering the program or as soon as possible upon admittance to the program.

All transcripts must be from a regionally accredited university and reviewed by a credential evaluation service. Concordia recommends either: National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or Association of International Credentials Evaluations (AICE).

Program Learning Outcomes

- Integrate evidence-based counseling theories, techniques and interventions into professional practice
- Adhere to professional and ethical standards
- Actively engage in self-reflection and lifelong learning
- Serve clients according to their unique diverse needs
- Help clients to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives in mind, body and spirit
- Analyze needs of clients and students based on data and assessments

Curriculum for School Counseling

A total of 45 credits are required for students seeking endorsement for licensure as a School Counselor. Students without a teaching license must complete an additional 3 credit course in classroom management.

Code	Title	Hours
Required courses		36-39
Practicum and portfolio		9
Total Hours		45-48

Code	Title	Hours
Counseling Theory		
COUN 5000	Counseling Theories and Issues	3
Human Growth and Development		
COUN 5020	Human Development	3
Social and Cultural Foundations		
COUN 5040	Social Cultural Foundations in Counseling	3
Helping Relationships		
COUN 5100	Consultation Strategies	3
COUN 5130	Trauma Counseling	3
COUN 5200	Individual Counseling	3
Group Work		
COUN 5210	Group Counseling	3
Career and Lifestyle Development		
COUN 5120	Career Counseling Foundations	3
Appraisal		
COUN 5110	Tests and Measurements	3
Research and Program Evaluation		
COUN 5300	Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of Counseling Programs	3
Family, Partnership and Couples Counseling		
COUN 5030	Models and Methods of Family Counseling	3
Professional Orientation		

COUN 5010	Professional Ethics	3
Supervised Practicum and Portfolio		
COUN 6400	Portfolio - Introduction	0
COUN 6410	Portfolio - Pre-Practicum	0
COUN 7400	Elementary School Practicum/Portfolio	3
COUN 7410	Middle School Practicum/Portfolio	3
COUN 7420	High School Practicum/Portfolio	3
Lesson Planning/Classroom Management (Required for Non-Teachers in School Counseling)		
COUN 6420	Management for Counselors	
Electives		
COUN 6040	Psychopharmacology (3 cr)	
COUN 6220	Addictions Counseling (3 cr)	
COUN 6010	Scripture and the Christian Counselor (3 cr)	
COUN 5015	Ethics of the Christian Counselor (3 cr)	
COUN 6000	Christian Care Giving (3 cr)	
COUN 6020	Christian Reconciliation (3 cr)	
COUN 5045	Social/Cultural Theological Foundations (3 cr)	
COUN 6050	Theories of Personality (3 cr)	
COUN 6030	Current Support Issues for Christian Pastors and Church Workers (3 cr)	
COUN 5105	Consultation Strategies within the Church (3 cr)	
COUN 5035	Models and Methods of Christian Family Counseling (3 cr)	
COUN 6200	Psychopathology (3 cr)	
COUN 6210	Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling (3 cr)	
Total Hours		45

Licensing Requirements for School Counselor (K-12) - License #7054

Portfolio Requirements

The student seeking a Wisconsin DPI counseling license endorsed by Concordia, must complete a Portfolio and demonstrate an understanding and ability to apply the Pupil Service Standards within counseling practice. The Portfolio is comprised of five sections. The Introduction to Portfolio is completed while a student is enrolled in COUN 5000 Counseling Theories and Issues. Pre-Practicum Portfolio is to be completed and submitted as a part of the application process for participation in the Practicum experiences. The last 3 portfolio sections (elementary school, middle school, and high school) will be completed during the Practicum experiences.

Practicum Requirements

The student must submit their entire application, with all three sites and on-site supervisors identified, for the practicum experience to be approved. Each student must obtain a minimum of 200 hours at each of the following levels: Elementary, Middle, and High. If the student is required to obtain more than 600 hours, the student should contact the Program Director to review expectations and options.

Praxis II Exam Requirement

Students must successfully complete the PRAXIS II exam before graduation.

Curriculum for Professional Counseling

A total of 60 credits are required for students seeking the Licensed Professional Counselor-In Training (LPC-IT) endorsement from Concordia.

Code	Title	Hours
Required courses		48
Practicum and portfolio		9
Electives		3
Total Hours		60

Code	Title	Hours
Counseling Theory		
COUN 5000	Counseling Theories and Issues	3
Human Growth and Development		
COUN 5020	Human Development	3
Social and Cultural Foundations		
COUN 5040	Social Cultural Foundations in Counseling	3
Helping Relationships		
COUN 5100	Consultation Strategies	3
COUN 5200	Individual Counseling	3
Group Dynamics Processing and Counseling		
COUN 5210	Group Counseling	3
Lifestyle and Career Development		
COUN 5120	Career Counseling Foundations	3
Appraisal		
COUN 5110	Tests and Measurements	3
Research and Program Evaluation		
COUN 5300	Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of Counseling Programs	3
Professional Orientation		
COUN 5010	Professional Ethics	3
Supervised Practicum and Portfolio		
COUN 7200	Practicum for Professional Counselors	3
COUN 7210	Internship I - Professional Counselor	3
COUN 7220	Internship II - Professional Counselor	3
Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling		
COUN 6210	Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Diagnosis and Treatment Planning		
COUN 6230	Advanced Theory and Skills in Professional Counseling	3
Crisis and Trauma Counseling		
COUN 5130	Trauma Counseling	3
Abnormal Behavior and Psychopathology		
COUN 6200	Psychopathology	3
Addictions Counseling		
COUN 6220	Addictions Counseling	3
Family, Partnership and Couples Counseling		
COUN 5030	Models and Methods of Family Counseling	3
Electives		
COUN 6040	Psychopharmacology (3 cr)	
COUN 5015	Ethics of the Christian Counselor (3 cr)	
COUN 6010	Scripture and the Christian Counselor (3 cr)	
COUN 6020	Christian Reconciliation (3 cr)	

COUN 5045	Social/Cultural Theological Foundations (3 cr)
COUN 6050	Theories of Personality (3 cr)
COUN 6030	Current Support Issues for Christian Pastors and Church Workers (3 cr)
COUN 5105	Consultation Strategies within the Church (3 cr)
COUN 5035	Models and Methods of Christian Family Counseling (3 cr)
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Total Hours	60

Practicum for Professional Counselor

The student seeking licensure as a Professional Counselor in Wisconsin will be required to complete 700 hours of practicum/internship experiences. Each applicant must be supervised at each practicum site according to Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) criteria and will be assigned a CUW site supervisor. A practicum agreement between the student, Concordia University, and each receiving site/agency/hospital are required for each practicum placement. The practicum allows the student to work as a counselor in a community setting and may include experiences such as assessment and implementation of counseling programs, individual and group counseling, and consultation with other community agencies. Applications for practicum can be made after prerequisite coursework is completed.

After graduation from the CUW Master of Science in Education-Counseling program, students will be eligible to apply for the LPC-IT license through DPS. DPS establishes the specific post-graduation requirements to receive the LPC-IT.