

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
Practicum and portfolio		6
Electives		3
Total Hours		45

Code	Title	Hours
Counseling Theory		
COUN 543	Counseling Theories and Issues	3
Human Growth and Development		
COUN 584	Human Development	3
Social and Cultural Foundations		
COUN 552	Social Cultural Foundations in Counseling	3
Helping Relationships		
COUN 564	Consultations Strategies	3
COUN 582	Trauma Counseling	3
COUN 593	Individual Counseling	3
Group Work		
COUN 594	Group Counseling	3
Career and Lifestyle Development		
COUN 561	Career Counseling Foundations	3
Appraisal		
COUN 587	Tests & Measurements	3
Research and Program Evaluation		
COUN 586	Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of Counseling Programs	3
Family, Partnership and Couples Counseling		
COUN 581	Models and Methods of Family Counseling	3

Professional Orientation

COUN 592	Professional Ethics	3
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Supervised Practicum and Portfolio

COUN 627	Portfolio - Introduction	0
COUN 628	Portfolio - Pre-Practicum	0
COUN 579	Practicum Elementary School	2
COUN 630	Portfolio Elementary School	0
COUN 590	Practicum Middle School	2
COUN 631	Portfolio Middle School	0
COUN 591	Practicum High School	2
COUN 632	Portfolio High School	0

Lesson Planning/Classroom Management (Non-Teachers in School Counseling)

COUN 620	Management for Counselors (required if the student is not a licensed teacher)	3
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Electives 3

COUN 512	Psychopharmacology	
COUN 520	Addictions Counseling	
COUN 522	Ethics of Christian Counselor	
COUN 544	Scripture and the Christian Counselor	
COUN 546	Christian Reconciliation	
COUN 553	Social Cultural Theological Foundations	
COUN 554	Theories of Personality	
COUN 563	Current Support Issues for Christian Pastors and Church Workers	
COUN 565	Consultation Strategies within the Church	
COUN 577	Models and Methods of Christian Family Counseling	
COUN 588	Psychopathology	
COUN 589	Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	

Total Hours 45-48

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

The student seeking a Wisconsin DPI counseling license and 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 543 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 needs to 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 prior to 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 543	Counseling Theories and Issues	3
Human Growth and Development		
COUN 584	Human Development	3
Social and Cultural Foundations		
COUN 552	Social Cultural Foundations in Counseling	3
Helping Relationships		
COUN 564	Consultations Strategies	3
COUN 593	Individual Counseling	3
Group Dynamics Processing and Counseling		
COUN 594	Group Counseling	3
Lifestyle and Career Development		
COUN 561	Career Counseling Foundations	3
Appraisal		
COUN 587	Tests & Measurements	3
Research and Program Evaluation		
COUN 586	Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of Counseling Programs	3
Professional Orientation		
COUN 592	Professional Ethics	3
Supervised Practicum and Portfolio		
COUN 606	Practicum for Professional Counselors	3
COUN 607	Internship I - Professional Counselor	3
COUN 608	Internship II - Professional Counselor	3
Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling		
COUN 589	Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Diagnosis and Treatment Planning		
COUN 596	Advanced Theory and Skills in Professional Counseling	3
Crisis and Trauma Counseling		
COUN 582	Trauma Counseling	3
Abnormal Behavior and Psychopathology		
COUN 588	Psychopathology	3
Addictions Counseling		
COUN 520	Addictions Counseling	3
Family, Partnership and Couples Counseling		
COUN 581	Models and Methods of Family Counseling	3
Electives 3		
COUN 512	Psychopharmacology	

COUN 522	Ethics of Christian Counselor
COUN 544	Scripture and the Christian Counselor
COUN 546	Christian Reconciliation
COUN 553	Social Cultural Theological Foundations
COUN 554	Theories of Personality
COUN 563	Current Support Issues for Christian Pastors and Church Workers
COUN 565	Consultation Strategies within the Church
COUN 577	Models and Methods of Christian Family Counseling
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Total Hours	60

Practicum for Professional Counselor

The student seeking licensure as a Professional Counselor in the State of Wisconsin will be required to complete 700 hours in practicum/internship experiences. Each applicant must be supervised at each practicum site according to Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) 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 affords the student the opportunity 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 DSPS. The specific post-graduation requirements to receive the LPC-IT are established by DSPS.