Clinical mental health counselors work with individuals, families, and other groups to address and treat mental and emotional disorders and to promote mental health. They are trained to assist individuals coping with a variety of concerns such as, depression, substance abuse, stress, grief, and low self-esteem. The clinical mental health counseling track qualifies graduates to work in a wide variety of mental health settings including inpatient, outpatient, community agencies, and private practice.

The program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The program meets the academic and internship requirements for licensure as a professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Mississippi. In the semester of their graduation, students are eligible to sit for the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) and to apply to the state to be a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (P-LPC).

**Courses (60 total credit hours)**

**Year 1**

**Fall (9 hours)**
- Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Lifespan Development
- Counseling Theories

**Spring (9)**
- Counseling Skills
- Group Procedures
- Counseling Children & Adolescents

**Summer (12)**
- Career Counseling
- Assessment
- Issues & Ethics in Counseling
- Pre-Practicum

**Year 2**

**Fall (9 hours)**
- Practicum
- Multicultural Counseling
- Research in Counseling

**Winter (3)**
- Crisis Intervention

**Spring (9)**
- Diagnostic Systems in Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Internship

**Summer (9)**
- Addictions Counseling
- Elective
- Internship

**Field Experiences**
Students complete supervised counseling practicum experiences that total a minimum of 100 clock hours over a full academic term. For internship, students must complete 600 clock hours of supervised counseling internship in roles and settings with clients relevant to their clinical mental health or school specialty area.

**Exit Requirement**
All MEd students in the Counselor Education program are required to earn a passing score on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) in order to graduate.

**Admissions Requirements**
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- GRE scores (less than 5 years old with verbal, quantitative, and writing subscores)
- Current resume
- Statement of purpose
- Contact information for three references
- Interview with faculty

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