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Master of Science in Psychology

Career Opportunities

Private Practice Clinics
Public Agencies
Private Non-Profit Agencies
Mental Health Departments
Victims/Witness Programs
Substance Abuse Treatment
Alcohol Abuse Rehabilitation
Departments of Social Services
Adoptions
Child Protective Services
Foster Placement Services
Rape Crisis Centers
Crisis Intervention Teams
Probation Departments
Military Assignments
Veterans Administration
Hospice
Hospitals
Correctional Institutions
Women's Shelters
Employee Assistance Programs

The M.S. in Psychology is a 90-quarter unit professional degree program designed for persons who desire to practice in the field of clinical/counseling psychology. The program's mission is to provide the state of California with highly competent master-level clinicians who are academically prepared for the marriage and family therapist license (MFT) and counseling with individuals, couples, families, and groups in a multicultural society. Its mission is also to provide students who want to proceed on to doctoral programs in clinical or counseling psychology with sound research skills, thesis experience and clinical intervention training.

Cal Poly's Master of Science in Psychology program fulfills the educational requirements for the state of California's Marriage and Family Therapist License.* Graduates find career opportunities in public social service agencies such as Mental Health, and Departments of Social Services as well as in private non-profit and private practice counseling centers.

**Additional post-graduate work is required for licensure.*

Program Strengths

Cal Poly's M.S. degree program emphasizes personal, academic, and practical knowledge and skill development which will enable each graduate to become competent in assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and treatment planning for individuals, couples, families, groups, and children. Research competence and ethical practices are also emphasized. The program is particularly well known for its clinical training.

Closely supervised clinical training practicum experiences leading to challenging fieldwork in agencies is the cornerstone of Cal Poly's preparation for the future clinician. Closely supervised experience in Cal Poly's practicum clinic on campus serving clients from the community provides trainees with the opportunity to develop skills and confidence before undertaking fieldwork in community agencies.

The Central Coast of California offers numerous well-supervised clinical traineeships in public and private non-profit agencies with a variety of client populations.

Traineeship Settings

- Santa Maria Youth and Family Center
- Hospice – SLO
- RISE – SLO County
- Women's Shelter Program – SLO
- SLO County Behavioral Health Services
- SLO County Drug and Alcohol Services
- Community Counseling Center
- Domestic Violence Solutions, Santa Maria
- Casa Pacific, SAFTY Program, Santa Maria/Lompoc
- Latino Outreach Program – SLO
- CALM (Child Abuse Listening and Mediation), Santa Maria

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CURRICULUM FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY
2015-2017 Catalog

		Units
PSY 504	Psychopharmacology	4
PSY 520	Marriage & Family Therapy: Professional Identity, Theory and Practice	4
PSY 535	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	4
PSY 555	Counseling and Communication	4
PSY 556	Multicultural Counseling and Psychology	4
PSY 560	Individual Therapy: Theory and Application	4
PSY 564	Ethics and the Law: MF Therapy	4
PSY 565	Diagnosis/Treatment Psychopathology	4
PSY 566	Group Therapy: Theory and Application	4
PSY 569	Counseling Clinic Practicum (3) (3)	6
PSY 571	Advanced Family Therapy: Theory and Application	4
PSY 572	Child and Adolescent Therapy: Theory and Application	4
PSY 574	Psychological Assessment	4
PSY 575	Gender, Couple and Sexual Dysfunction Therapy	4
PSY 576	Traineeship: Marital and Family Therapy (4) (4) (4) (4)	16
PSY 577	Community Mental Health: Issues and Practices	4
PSY 585	Research Methods for Counseling Psychology	4
PSY 588	Substance Abuse: Assessment and Treatment	4
Select from the following:		4
PSY 599	Thesis*	
OR		
Written comprehensive exam and one of the following:		
PSY 568	Advanced Psychotherapies	
or an approved 400-level PSY course		
		90

*Must register for thesis credit each quarter of advisement.

Program prerequisites: Abnormal Psychology, Lifespan Development, Personality, Introductory Statistics, Research Methods in Psychology (or related discipline)