



Answer Your Calling to Serve Others

The Online M.Ed. in Counseling From William & Mary

The William & Mary [Online Master of Education \(M.Ed.\) in Counseling](#) program emphasizes personal and interpersonal growth, cultural responsiveness and social justice. Through a collaborative approach to coursework and the use of interactive learning environments, the program aligns theory and practice to maximize students' impact as counselors. Whether your intention is to become a licensed professional counselor in clinical mental health or a school counselor, the **CACREP-accredited Online M.Ed. in Counseling from W&M** can help you get there.

Program Benefits

- Immerse yourself in [coursework](#) designed to help prepare you for [state licensure and/or certification exams](#)
- Enjoy a [flexible online program](#) designed to accommodate your busy schedule
- Explore diverse professional environments during required practicum and internship experiences
- Engage with instructors one-on-one and participate in experiential learning activities during two on-campus residencies

Online Program Structure

- 60 credit hours
- 17 online courses (51 credit hours)
- Practicum (3 credit hours):
 - Practicum will require 100 clock hours at a school or CMHC site placement over two minimesters (an average of 8 hours per week on-site for each 7.5-week minimester), plus 1-2 hours per week synchronous class/supervision time with faculty.
- Internship (2 courses, 6 credit hours):
 - Internship requires a total of 600 hours over four minimesters (an average of 18 hours per week on-site for each 7.5-week minimester), plus 1-2 hours per week of synchronous class/supervision time with faculty.
 - As a general rule, students are not allowed to complete their practicum and internship placements at their current place of employment (for both school counseling and clinical mental health), to avoid any conflicts of interest.
- Can be completed in as few as 3 years
- Begin classes in January, May or August

Choose a Path

- [Clinical Mental Health Counseling](#) (CMHC) concentration
- [Military and Veterans Counseling](#) specialization within CMHC
- [School Counseling](#) concentration

Admissions Requirements

- Completed [online application form](#)
- Application fee: \$50*
- Completed bachelor's degree
 - GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) preferred
- Official transcripts from all prior institutions attended
- [Resume](#) detailing full employment history
- GRE Verbal and Quantitative scores** (40th percentile or higher preferred on GRE Verbal)
- [Personal essay](#) (please refer to our key points and [guiding questions](#) when writing your essay)
- 3 letters of recommendation from professional and/or academic references
- For international applicants: proof of having successfully passed one of the following:
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), with a minimum score of 100 on the internet version (or comparable, if test is not taken online)
 - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam, with a minimum score of 7.0

*If you are a military or veterans servicemember, speak with an advisor about determining your eligibility for an app fee waiver.

**We have temporarily waived the GRE through 2021.



The Curriculum

Note: The term “wheels” is used to describe the program sequence to reflect the way it allows students to interact with peers from different cohorts and across the two concentrations, which the faculty believes promotes community and a diversity of ideas. All courses are worth 3 credits unless otherwise noted.

Wheel 1:

- EDUC C32** – Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- EDUC C33** – Techniques of Counseling
- EDUC C34** – Group Theory and Techniques
- EDUC C43** – Professional, Ethical, and Legal Issues in Counseling
- EDUC 624** – Theory and Practice of Multicultural Counseling
- EDUC C29** – Substance Abuse and Society (Clinical Mental Health Counseling traditional track only)
- EDUC C51** – Military Life, Culture and Challenges (Military and Veterans Counseling only)
- EDUC C35** – Introduction to Professional School Counseling (School Counseling only)

Wheel 2:

- EDUC F09** – Human Growth and Development: A Life-Span Perspective
- EDUC C31** – Career Development
- EDUC 645** – The Counselor and Psychopathology
- EDUC 627** – Marriage and Family Counseling
- EDUC F65** – Research Methods in Education
- EDUC C42** – Supervised Practicum in Counseling

Wheel 3 (Clinical Mental Health Counseling):

- EDUC F67** – Psychological and Educational Measurement
- EDUC C44** – Addictions Counseling
- EDUC C46** – Contemporary Issues in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- EDUC 625** – Couples Counseling and Sex Therapy
- EDUC C47** – Supervised Internship in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (6 credits) Traditional Track Only

Traditional Track Only

- EDUC C45** – Transpersonal Counseling
- EDUC 636** – Addictions and Family Systems Military and Veterans Counseling Only

Military and Veterans Counseling Only

- EDUC C52** – Assessment and Treatment of Trauma-Related Disorders
- EDUC C51** – Military-to-Veteran Transition

Wheel 3 (Clinical Mental Health Counseling – Military and Veterans Counseling):

- EDUC F67** – Psychological and Educational Measurement
- EDUC C91** – Advanced Issues in Professional School Counseling
- EDUC C29** – Substance Abuse and Society
- CRIN X48** – Current Trends and Legal Issues in Educating Special Populations
- EDUC 638** – Prevention and Intervention Within Public Schools
- EDUC 675** – Theories & Strategies for Counseling School-Aged Children
- EDUC C49** – Supervised Internship in School Counseling (6 credits)

Sociocultural transformations begin here.

Interested in becoming a leader in social justice advocacy and guiding others toward their most satisfying and productive futures? Learn more about our CACREP-accredited Online M.Ed. in Counseling program by reaching out to an Admissions Advisor at 866-870-6966 or counselingonline@wm.edu.