ABOUT MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction, and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today’s dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

With a more than 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing a graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative graduate programs in the education and human services fields with nationally recognized faculty and accreditation
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our graduate population
- Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, including weekend, accelerated and web-enhanced course options
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College’s home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University’s history.
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The graduate programs in Counseling offer several advantages:

- Opportunities for alternative scheduling in the form of face-to-face, hybrid or Saturday classes to meet the needs of working students
- The opportunity to master counseling skills in a technologically state-of-the-art counseling laboratory, that allows students to record, archive and review their counseling practice sessions, which enhances their ability to serve future clients
- A diverse group of faculty members actively engaged in scholarly research who hold national leadership positions in professional associations, including the American Counseling Association (ACA)
- A theory-to-practice model of instruction that allows students to gain practical experience in schools, community agencies, and colleges and universities
- An emphasis on the infusion of multicultural counseling and social justice practice in all courses
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**PROGRAMS**

**MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN COUNSELING**

(CACREP-Accredited for School, Clinical Mental Health,* and Higher Education concentrations)

The MA in Counseling program focuses on providing opportunities for professionals to develop skills and competencies in a variety of settings. Program concentrations include: school counseling, which prepares you for certification as a school counselor in New Jersey; clinical mental health counseling, which prepares you for community agency work and licensure as a Professional Counselor; student affairs, which prepares you to work as a student affairs professional in college settings; and addictions counseling, which prepares you to become a counselor in settings that deal with substance abuse.

Master’s program graduates may choose to return to the University and apply to the department’s PhD in Counselor Education program, the only doctoral program in Counselor Education in the greater New Jersey/New York area.

**SUBSTANCE AWARENESS COORDINATOR CERTIFICATION**

The Substance Awareness Coordinator (SAC) Certification Program offers students the opportunity to take a sequence of courses required by the New Jersey Department of Education for individuals who wish to become Substance Awareness Coordinators in K-12 schools. To be considered for admission into the program, and to be eligible for the SA Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS), the candidate must hold the following at the time of application: a standard instructional certificate or a school psychologist, school social worker, school counselor, director of school counseling services or school nurse endorsement; OR a valid Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC) credential issued by the New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the Marriage and Family Therapists Board; OR a valid Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) credential issued by the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey; OR hold a master’s or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

**CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR CERTIFICATE**

The sequence of courses in the Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) Certificate program fulfills the educational requirements set by the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey (APCBNU) for CADC eligibility. Full certification or licensure would include additional requirements. Applicants may apply to both the MA in Counseling and the Certificate program concurrently (two separate applications are required).

**ADVANCED COUNSELING CERTIFICATE (POST-MASTER’S)**

The Advanced Counseling Certificate Program is designed to fulfill state-level and national standards for Licensed Professional Counselors. This program meets the highest professional standards according to CACREP, The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), and the NJ Board of Marriage and Family Therapists.

This certificate will provide the additional credit hours necessary to obtain a State of New Jersey Licensed Professional Counselor credential. Candidates must have a master’s degree in Counseling.

**SCHOOL COUNSELING CERTIFICATION (POST-MASTER’S)**

The School Counseling Certification program is designed to fulfill state-level and national standards for School Counselors. This program meets the highest professional standards according to the New Jersey Department of Education and the national accrediting body, CACREP. This certificate will provide the additional credit hours necessary to obtain NJ School Counselor Certification. Candidates must have a degree in Counseling or related field.

The department also offers the Director of School Counseling certification program through the Educational Leadership program area.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

montclair.edu/cehs/academic/counseling

**APPLY ONLINE**

montclair.edu/graduate/prospective-students/applications

**TUITION AND FEES**

Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at: montclair.edu/student-accounts/tuition-and-fees/graduate-costs.

Montclair State University offers financial aid, scholarships and graduate assistantships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

Information regarding graduate assistantship and scholarships, may be found at: montclair.edu/graduate/prospective-students/financial-information.

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* Accredited as a Community Counseling Program under the 2001 CACRES Standards.