



M.A. in Holistic Counseling



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Average Time to Completion:
2-3 years



Combine Traditional Counselor Education with a Holistic Perspective

The 48-credit holistic counseling program is designed to prepare professionals with counseling skills that incorporate holistic perspectives into their work. Consonant with the mission of the University, the program seeks to help students learn and understand how to observe, evaluate, and incorporate the integration of body, mind, and spirit into their professional lives. Holistic counselors in training are presented with the idea that personal and system wholeness depends upon connectedness with the human community and with the natural world that supports it.

Through a holistic, social justice, and developmental perspective, this 48-credit Master of Arts program trains students to work in various settings utilizing traditional counseling techniques and systems thinking with awareness of neuroscience and evidence-supported integrative practices.

Students in this program engage in coursework that is both didactic and interactive, and also complete a 150-hour supervised practicum. Upon completion of this degree, graduates who wish to sit for the mental health licensing examination in Rhode Island may apply to the Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies in Clinical Mental Health: Concentration in Holistic Counseling program. This is a 12-credit program designed to help students reach the 60-credit eligibility requirement.



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Admissions Requirements

Individuals with a bachelor's degree in any undergraduate major from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the United States) may apply to this program.

Application materials are submitted online at salve.edu/grad. There is no fee to apply. Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package; you must submit the following to be considered:

- Completed graduate application
- Official transcripts from each college/university attended
- Personal statement
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Resume

About Salve Regina University

Salve Regina is an independent coeducational institution. Since our founding by the Sisters of Mercy in 1947, we have grown to a community of more than 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students who proudly carry forward our mission of responsible citizenship and public service in their personal and professional lives. Salve Regina is fully accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Curriculum

Students must successfully complete 48 credits to qualify for the M.A. in Holistic Counseling, which includes 42 credits of core courses and an additional six elective credit options.

Core Courses: 42 credits

HLC504: Holistic Foundations	3 credits
HLC505: Interpersonal Helping Skills.....	3 credits
HLC506: Professional Orientation and Ethics.....	3 credits
HLC507: The Body/Mind Connection.....	3 credits
HLC508: Human Growth and Development	3 credits
HLC509: Theories of Counseling.....	3 credits
HLC510: Cultural Awareness in Counseling.....	3 credits
HLC500: Research Methods OR	
HLC512: Evaluation Research.....	3 credits
HLC513: Couple and Family Counseling.....	3 credits
HLC515: Assessment and Treatment Planning.....	3 credits
HLC516: Group Counseling and Group Work	3 credits
HLC517: Career Counseling.....	3 credits
HLC550: Advanced Helping Skills	3 credits
HLC551: Practicum in Counseling.....	3 credits

Elective Options: 6 credits

Electives strengthen counselors' abilities to serve specific client populations by fostering growth, adding skill development and opening professional vistas. The number of electives students take depends on their plan of study and the number of required courses that may have been waived.

HLL519: Introducing Dynamic Leadership Perspectives.....	3 credits
HLL520: Leading Holistically: Cross-Cultural Awareness.....	3 credits
HLL522: Creative Leadership Intervention Skills I.....	3 credits
HLL523: Creative Leadership Intervention Skills II.....	3 credits
HLC524: Identification of Special Population Needs	
within the Context of Substance Use Disorder	3 credits
HLC525: Clinical Language Skills	1 credit
HLL527: Leading System Change and Transformation	3 credits
HLC528: Understanding Trauma in Counseling.....	1 credit
HLC535: Introduction to Expressive Sound.....	1 credit
HLC540: Integrating Meaning.....	1 credit
HLC575: Healing & Transformation	2 credits
HLC578: Body and Personal Myth: A Jungian Perspective.....	3 credits
HLC579: Grief Counseling.....	2 credits
HLC582: Introduction to the Expressive and Creative Arts as Transformation	3 credits
HLC584: Movement, Creativity and Consciousness: An Introduction	2 credits
HLC587: Gender and Human Sexuality in Counseling.....	3 credits
HLC588: Working with Young People.....	3 credits
HLC592: Arts, Nature and Eco-Consciousness	1 credit

*Elective courses may be substituted with appropriate courses from other graduate programs (i.e., Rehabilitation Counseling, Applied Behavioral Analysis) as applicable to a student's learning goals and with approval from the program director.



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