



COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

Master of Science (M.S.) & Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (C.A.G.S.)



Northeastern University
Bouvé College of Health Sciences



The MSCP program is unique in that we offer students a choice of specific concentrations within the general Master of Science program. The concentrations offer the opportunity for students to gain additional depth in selected areas. We believe that having a concentration in training will make our graduates especially successful in admission to further graduate study and jobs after graduation. These concentrations take advantage of interdisciplinary training and perspectives in the areas of:

- Health Psychology
- Forensic Counseling
- Early Intervention
- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Cultural, Gender, and Political Psychology

WHO WE ARE

The Master of Science in Counseling Psychology (MSCP) program at Northeastern University is committed to the development of competent Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC) through the disciplinary studies and contemporary professional practice of counseling psychology. Recent program revisions comply with licensing regulations for Mental Health Counselors in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Our philosophy is shaped by an ecological model of development and intervention, attending to the ways in which individuals interact with their environments (family, cultural background, social, economic, and political structures) to develop health and/or pathology.

The program consists of two years of full time classes and clinical training. At the conclusion of this program some graduates seek employment and some seek doctoral study.



Boston is one of the world's foremost centers for health treatment and research; we have excellent relationships with numerous hospitals, clinics, health centers, shelters and community service agencies

Our program is designed to educate and train students in applied aspects of psychology and ensure that students are prepared to meet the changing demands of the mental health profession

Training



Practicum:

The Practicum occurs in the second semester during the first year and is a cornerstone in preparation for a clinical internship placement during the second year. The purpose of the practicum is to orient first year students to the mental health field, human services agencies, clients and their interrelationships. The students will explore the roles, functions, organizational structure and client's needs to gain awareness and perspective of the field.

Internship:

The second phase of clinical training, known as the Internship, occurs during the second year. Each student will spend a minimum of 20 hours a week at their placement site. The purpose of the internship is to enable the student to refine and enhance their counseling skills, develop more advanced clinical, relational and intervention skills, and integrate professional knowledge during their field placement.

Over the course of two years of study, a student may choose to return to the same placement site or gain a variety of experiences at different sites. The adviser will work with the student to find an appropriate placement in a:

Court Clinic	Rape Crisis Center	Health Promotion Program
Victim's Assistance Program	Community Service Agency	Mind-body Clinic
Battered Women's Shelter	Mental Health Center	Complementary Medicine Clinics

The Master of Science in Counseling Psychology is a 60 credit hours program. In order to complete the program in two years, students will also need to take classes during the summer between the first and second year.

The Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) is a 30 semester hours program for those who already hold a Master's degree in a closely related field and who want further study to enhance their abilities and career prospects in Counseling Psychology. This includes completion of course and internship requirements for LMHC certification in Massachusetts. This program is individually tailored to the candidate's specific training needs.

MS Curriculum

A complete list of electives and/or concentrations are located in the student handbook (www.bouve.neu.edu/caep)

First Year Fall Semester

- CAEP 6200: Counseling theory in an ecological context
- CAEP 6201: Introduction to assessment
- CAEP 6235: Vocational education & career development
- CAEP 6250: Individual interventions
- CAEP 6399: Clinical skills in counseling psychology

First Year Spring Semester

- CAEP 6203: Understanding cultural diversity
- CAEP 6242: Psychopathology and treatment planning
- CAEP 6380: Seminar in feminist psychology
- CAEP 8401: Practicum in counseling psychology

Summer Semester

- CAEP 6375: Substance use and treatment
- **** Elective

Second Year Fall Semester

- CAEP 6220: Life span counseling
- CAEP 6282: Ethics and professional development
- CAEP 6287: Group counseling
- CAEP 8501: Internship I in counseling psychology
- **** Elective

Second Year Spring Semester

- CAEP 6202: Research evaluation and data analysis
- CAEP 8511: Internship II in counseling psychology
- **** Elective



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for admission are expected to meet the following requirements:

- Undergraduate major in psychology or its equivalent
- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (program average is 3.5)
- Personal statement of goals and expectations
- GRE or MAT
- TOEFL or IELTS (International students)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal interview with faculty

The program faculty reviews applicant credentials to assess the likelihood of successful completion of the program and the potential for contribution to the field of counseling psychology and the community at large.

Applications are due 1/15 (MS/CAGS)

*dates are subject to change. Please refer to our website for recent dates at www.bouve.neu.edu

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