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*Graduate Psychology Program*

## **Ph.D. Clinical Counseling: Teaching and Supervision**

The doctoral program in Clinical Counseling began in the fall of 2007 with its first cohort of students. The program originated as a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), and has been converted to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Clinical Counseling: Teaching and Supervision. This degree was offered as a response to requests by persons who had completed a master's degree and desired additional training so that they could be more effective in their work.

This degree will prepare counselors and marriage and family therapists for work in a variety of settings: supervisory, administrative, clinical, teaching, and research positions. The education and training from this program will help counselors gain leadership and service skills that employers are currently seeking. If you have questions that are not answered below, please e-mail Dr. Susan Lahey, doctoral program coordinator ([slahey@trevecca.edu](mailto:slahey@trevecca.edu)), Dr. Peter Wilson, graduate psychology program director ([pwilson@trevecca.edu](mailto:pwilson@trevecca.edu)), or Heather Ambrefe, assistant director ([hambrefe@trevecca.edu](mailto:hambrefe@trevecca.edu)), with your question(s).

### **Is the doctorate program an accredited program?**

Trevecca Nazarene University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Trevecca Nazarene University.

Normal inquiries about Trevecca Nazarene University such as admissions, financial aid, and educational programs should be addressed directly to the University and not to the Office of the Commission on Colleges. Interested constituents should contact the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools only if there is significant evidence for alleged non-compliance with a standard or requirement.

### **When did the program begin?**

The program was initiated in the fall of 2007.

### **How many semester hours are required for the degree?**

The Ph.D. program is a 66-hour program. To complete the degree in three years, students are expected to register for nine hours each semester for the first two years of the program. The third year of the program will consist of three semesters of four hours each (Practicum and Dissertation Research).

### **How many students are accepted each fall?**

The goal is to start with a group of 15-20 students.

### **Who benefits from this degree?**

The Ph.D. Clinical Counseling: Teaching and Supervision is an advanced professional degree designed for several groups: a) those who wish to enhance their skills as a therapist, b) those who wish to further their career within the mental health delivery system, c) those who wish to take a more active role in supervision and the development of other therapists, and d) those who wish to expand their professional options to include teaching in undergraduate and graduate training programs in counseling. The strong theme of the program is to develop clinicians who will positively enhance the professional mental health community.

### **What are the Learning Outcomes of this program?**

Students who graduate from the Ph.D. program should be able to:

1. Understand and practice the art of therapy at a more proficient and advanced level;
2. Teach therapy and human relations coursework at a higher education level (community colleges, four-year colleges/universities, graduate training programs);
3. Supervise the development of less experienced therapists;
4. Offer administrative leadership within agencies and organizations;
5. Procure licensure in a desired area of clinical specialization (as a Licensed Professional Counselor or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist);
6. Conduct independent research at an advanced level.

### **When are doctoral courses offered?**

The doctoral courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are morning classes (8:00-11:00), afternoon classes (1:00-4:00), and evening classes (6:00-9:00). Typically, a cohort will attend an afternoon and evening class on Tuesday with a morning class on Thursday or a morning class on Tuesday with an afternoon and evening class on Thursday.

### **What courses are required in the Ph.D. program?**

The Ph.D. program encompasses a 66-hour curriculum as listed below:

#### **Core Course Descriptions (33 semester credit hours)** – all students complete these courses

- CSL 7001 Advanced Group Psychotherapy (3 semester credit hours)
- CSL 7002 Ethical Standards and Legal Issues in the Counseling Profession (3)
- CSL 7003 Psychodynamic Psychotherapies (3)
- CSL 7004 Cognitive Behavioral Therapies (3)
- CSY 7005 Postmodern Psychotherapies (3)
- CSL 7007 Treating Addictions: A Family Dynamics Approach (3)
- CSL 7008 Diagnosis and Treatment of Sexual Disorders (3)
- CSL 7009 Advanced Multicultural Counseling (3)
- CSL 7010 Issues of Integration: Christian Ideology in a Professional World (3)
- CSL 7104 Specialized Systemic Family Therapy (3)
- CSL 7151 Psychological Testing for Counselors (3)

#### **Marriage and Family Therapy Cognate OR Counseling Cognate (6 semester credit hours)**

– all students must select one of the following two groupings of specialty courses:

*Marriage and Family Therapy Cognate (6 semester credit hours)*

- CSL 7101 Preventative Approaches: Premarital Therapy and Enrichment Activities (3)
- CSL 7102 Theories of Affect Regulation and Attachment (Affective Therapy) (3)

**OR**

***Counseling Cognate***

- CSL 7152 Professional Challenges for Counselors (3)
- CSL 7153 Psychopharmacological Issues in Counseling Settings (3)

**Supervision/Teaching Courses (6 semester credit hours)**

- CSL 7201 Supervision Models (3)
- CSL 7251 Technology and Teaching Strategies in Counselor Education (3)

**Internship**

- CSL 7360 Doctoral Internship I (2)
- CSL 7361 Doctoral Internship II (2)
- CSL 7362 Doctoral Internship III (2)

**Research/Dissertation (15 semester credit hours)**

- CSL 7300 Doctoral Proposal Development (3)
- CSL 7301 Doctoral Research Methodology (3)
- CSL 7302 Statistical Analysis in Clinical Practice (3)
- CSL 7303 Dissertation Research (6) – three semesters of 2 credit hours each

**What type of master’s degree is accepted for admission to the program?**

Master’s degrees in counseling, psychology, marriage and family therapy, social work, or a counseling related degree are accepted for admission. An acceptable degree focuses on development of the professional counselor identity, which often leads to professional licensure.

**Are there any academic prerequisites for the Ph.D. program?**

Yes. As the Graduate Psychology Program is in the process of acquiring specialized accreditation, the following core counseling courses, or equivalency, are prerequisites for admission to the doctoral program (many graduate programs in counseling/counseling related field will likely satisfy these prerequisites):

- Social and Cultural Diversity
- Human Growth and Development
- Group Work
- Career Counseling
- Helping Relationships
- Ethics
- Research and Program Evaluation
- Assessment
- Practicum/Internship - **minimum two semesters**
- Abnormal Psychology

**Are transfer credits permitted?**

Yes. Students may transfer a maximum of nine (9) hours of post-degreed academic work at the doctoral level through a regionally accredited university or training facility/institute. Acceptance of transfer credit will be based on the following criteria:

- a. The course was completed within the last five years.
- b. The course is relevant to the degree program.
- c. A minimum grade of B was earned.

### **What are the admission requirements for applying to the Ph.D. program?**

When applying for admission to the Ph.D. program, each applicant must submit the following items, along with a completed application (application guidelines outlined in detail in the application document):

- a. **Undergraduate and Graduate transcripts:** Applicants must have completed an undergraduate bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution evidenced by an official transcript. Applicants must have an earned Master's degree or its equivalent from a regionally accredited institution evidenced by an official transcript. The Master's degree must be in psychology, counseling, marriage & family therapy or a similar field with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.
- b. **GRE scores:** All applicants entering the program are required to complete the Graduate Records Examination (GRE). A score of 300 for the GRE (verbal and quantitative combined) is expected for admission. A writing section score of 3.5 or higher is preferred. Scores will be accepted from tests taken within the previous five years.
- c. **Three letters of recommendation:** One letter must be from a pastor or religious leader. The other two should be from former professors or employer/supervisors who have been in a position to evaluate the student's clinical skills as well as the student's capacity to complete a doctorate.
- d. **A 400 word Letter of Intent** specifying the applicant's purpose and goals for entering the Ph.D. program.
- e. **Professional Vita**, including degrees earned, ministry and/or counseling experience, and career goals.
- f. **TOEFL Score:** International Students/Students who speak English as Second Language must submit scores from the TOEFL with a minimum score of 600 on paper version of test and 250 on computer version of test.
- g. \$50.00 Non-refundable **Application Fee**.

### **What is the deadline for completed admission folders for the fall?**

Completed files for fall admission are due by March 15.

### **What is the semester hour cost of the program?**

The program cost for the 2011-2012 academic year is \$688.00 per semester hour.