

GRADUATE STUDIES
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CATALOG CHANGES
PROGRAM: CMHC FOR CATALOG YEAR: 20-21

PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS (revised program description or admission requirements, change to total required credits, change in program course lists, revised faculty list)

NEW COURSES (New Course Proposal needed)

MODIFIED COURSES (titles, descriptions, credits)

In order to update the CMHC graduate curriculum to more effectively meet the needs of our students, the program plans to add 2-credit elective classes that focus on specific mental health treatment modalities and other related areas of interest. The CMHC program will add the electives towards the end of the two-year program. Concurrently, we are reducing the course content and the associated credits of two classes offered in the spring term of the second year.

COUN 531 – change from 4 credits to 3 credits The credit reduction reflects a narrowing of the breadth of topics included in the systemic and community perspectives on mental health. Key core assignments will be retained but the number of guest speakers and related community assignments will be reduced to reflect the change in credits without affecting the overall learning objectives of the course.

COUN 573 – change from 4 credits to 3 credits The credit reduction and change in course description reflects a more focused process of self-reflection and removes the formerly required portfolio portion of the class. All of the other self-reflection processes and associated assignments will be retained.

COUN 507 – change from 3 credits to 2 credits COUN 507 is flexible as a Seminar class. We will begin requiring 2 credits of COUN 507 electives in the spring of 2021 for the incoming 2020 CMHC cohort to address a longstanding curricular need.

SUSPENDED COURSES

DELETED COURSES

ATTACHMENTS :

Proposed changes for Catalog 2020-2021 below.

Summary of changes: We have reduced the credits of two courses and required two credits of electives. We reduced the credits and associated content in COUN 531 and COUN 573 in order to keep our total credits at 90 (our accreditation minimum).

Reduced credits: 531, 573

CMHC Curriculum Core Required Courses for the Master in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (90 credits)

- COUN 502 - Counseling Skills and Process 4 credits
- COUN 504 - Individual Counseling Practicum 4 credits
- COUN 506 - Group Counseling Practicum 4 credits
- COUN 510 - Internship 1-8 credits (minimum of 20 credits total)
- COUN 521 - Assessment 4 credits
- COUN 525 - Psychopharmacology and Substance Use Disorders 4 credits
- COUN 531 - Community Counseling ~~4 credits~~ 3 credits
- COUN 542 - Applied Research 4 credits
- COUN 549 - Career Counseling 4 credits
- COUN 570 - Advanced Human Growth and Development 4 credits
- COUN 571 - Counseling Theory 4 credits
- COUN 573 - Mental Health Profession ~~4 credits~~ 3 credit
- COUN 574 - Group Counseling 4 credits
- COUN 575 - Advanced Crisis Intervention Strategies 4 credits
- COUN 576 - Family and Couples Counseling 4 credits
- COUN 581 - Ethics and Roles in the Counseling Profession 4 credits
- COUN 583 - Advanced Psychopathology 3 credits
- COUN 585 - Treatment Planning and Consultation 3 credits
- COUN 586 - Multicultural Counseling 4 credits
- COUN 507 - Seminar: Special Topics 1 to 4 credits OR approved PSY graduate classes; ~~3~~ 2 credits required.

COUN 531 - Community Counseling

~~4 credits~~ 3 credits Examines ~~the effects of social and environmental factors on behavior, with emphasis on~~ the impact of societal systems (schools, neighborhoods, organizations, and other networks) on individuals and their mental health. Sample topics include ~~social justice competencies~~, community action, public policy, prevention programming, and social change processes. Prerequisite(s): Enrollment in the CMHC program.

COUN 573 - Mental Health Profession

~~4 credits~~ 3 credits Culminating class within the CMHC program, in which students reflect on their journey and both their professional and personal development while in the program, and prepare for the ~~work world~~ of work beyond graduation. Students ~~complete a professional portfolio and~~ conduct a seminar on their theoretical framework, determine the setting and clients best-suited for their theoretical approach, reflect on their learning in the program, and address other issues germane to the professional counselor. ~~and human service professional.~~ Prerequisite(s): COUN 571 and enrollment in the CMHC program.

