

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
ADVISING ADVICE

Courses to take EARLY in the program:

HCE 500 Orientation to the Counseling Profession --take first (offered fall semester only)
HCE 605 Psychological Measurement & Evaluation -- offered summers only
EDU 600 Research Methods -- take first, if possible
HRD 668 Human Development
HRD 664 Culture, Tradition & Diversity
HCE 620 Fundamentals of Counseling Theories
HCE 626 Group Process & Procedures
HCE 604 Career Development
HCE 642 Perspectives in Chemical Dependency

The MIDDLE part of your program should focus primarily on the development of your counseling skills and preparing for your work in mental health settings:

Courses should be taken in the following sequence:

HCE 621 Fundamentals of Counseling Skills
HCE 690 Individual Counseling Practicum (If students plan to counsel children under the age of 18, they must take HCE 622 prior to practicum.)

The Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) should not be taken until the above courses have been completed:

The following courses can be taken anytime in the middle part of your program, but must be taken before the internship:

HCE 645 Diagnosis & Treatment Planning (must be taken after HCE 621)
HCE 640 Professional Issues for Mental Health Counselors
HCE 644 Crisis Intervention

The following course should be taken after HCE 690:

HCE 627 Group Counseling

The END of the program focuses on synthesizing and "rounding-out" your program:

- Counseling internship (HCE 686) should only be started after having passed the CPCE and having successfully completed HCE 690 Individual Counseling Practicum.
- Electives may be taken anytime in the program, but are often left to the end so that courses are taken that complement the student's total program.
- It is recommended that counseling students take the National Counseling Examination (NCE). This cannot be taken before the student's last academic semester in the master's degree program.

CHECK WITH YOUR ADVISOR ABOUT ANY VARIATIONS OF THIS STRUCTURE.