

# M.A. / Mental Health Counseling / 48 Credits

TO BE SUBMITTED DURING THE SECOND TERM OF ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM, PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF REGISTRATION FOR THE THIRD TERM OF ENROLLMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SEMESTER/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

BC ID \_\_\_\_\_ COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SEMESTER/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number and Title	Credits	Summer	Fall	Spring	T/W
APSY7440 Foundations of Counseling I	3				
APSY7444 Theories of Personality and Counseling I	3				
APSY7518 Issues in Life-Span Development	3				
APSY7528 Multicultural Issues	3				
APSY7543 Psychopathology	3				
APSY7748 Foundations of Counseling II	3				
APSY7445 Theories of Personality and Counseling II	3				
<i>Research and Statistics Course (chose one of the following):</i> APSY7468 Introduction to Statistics APSY7469 Intermediate Statistics APSY7640.12 Interpretation and Evaluation of Research: Topics in Mental Health	3				
APSY7605 Ethical and Legal Issues	3				
Electives (5)	15				
<i>Students need to complete 6 credits of internship credit from the following:</i> APSY7660 Practice and Supervision Seminar I (2-3) APSY7661 Practice and Supervision Seminar II (2-3) APSY7650 Practice and Supervision Summer Seminar (1-2)	6				
APSY8100 Master's Comprehensive Examination	0				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>48</b>				

1. Insert a T (transfer) or W (waiver) as appropriate. If seeking a transfer of credits, you must fill out a "transfer request form" available online. If requesting a waiver, you must attach an official transcript to this form.
2. Students will be considered full-time during the semester they are registered for EDUC/APSY/MESA/ELHE810001, Master's Comprehensive Exam.
3. Mental Health Counseling students must enroll in section 12 of APSY7460; section 01 is not accepted for the degree

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A BOSTON COLLEGE CERTIFICATE OR SPECIALIZATION PROGRAM? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE LIST THE PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL  
ADVISOR

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE  
DEAN OF  
GRADUATE  
STUDIES

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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## INFORMED CONSENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING STUDENTS WHO ARE COMPLETING THE 48-CREDIT PROGRAM

This Informed Consent document is to ensure that you understand the licensure implications of completing the 48-credit degree program in Mental Health Counseling in the Lynch School. In the State of Massachusetts, completing a 48-credit master's degree does **NOT** make you eligible for becoming licensed as a Mental Health Counselor. The same is true in other states that require applicants to have a 60-credit degree in Mental Health Counseling to be eligible for licensure. In Massachusetts and other states that require the 60-credit degree for licensure, students are not allowed to take an additional 12 academic credits in mental health counseling coursework after graduating from a 48-credit program as a way of meeting the 60-credit degree program requirement. Thus, the decision you make to complete a 48-credit degree program in Mental Health Counseling will have implications in the future for your eligibility to become licensed as a Mental Health Counselor.

There are multiple reasons why students in the Lynch School Mental Health Counseling Program make the decision to complete the 48-credit program, instead of the 60-credit program:

1. Students want to complete the minimum number of credits to earn the degree so that they can reduce the cost of the total degree program.
2. Students will be applying to doctoral programs once they graduate with the master's degree, and understand that they will not need the additional 12 credits since their plan is to become licensed as a Psychologist after completing a doctoral program.
3. Students do not anticipate working professionally as a Mental Health Counselor in the future, and don't feel that they will need the license to work in positions that they intend to pursue once they have completed the master's degree.

These reasons for selecting the 48-credit Mental Health Counseling degree program are all valid, and if a student is able to enter a doctoral program or to find a position in a related discipline that they enjoy and feel meets their career needs, then completing the 48-credit degree program can be a good decision for them to have made.

The decision to complete a 48-credit degree in Mental Health Counseling, as opposed to the 60-credit degree, is an individual choice. The purpose of this statement is to provide you with information about the implications that this decision may have on your future eligibility for licensure as a mental health counselor. Your signature below indicates that you understand the implications that earning the 48-credit degree will have on your eligibility to become a Licensed Mental Health Counselor following your graduation from the program.

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(Name)

(Date)