

## COUNSELING AMP

All students must meet the Requirements for the Accelerated Master's Degree Programs

### OVERVIEW

This accelerated master's degree program (AMP) is designed to offer select UVM undergraduates from multiple disciplines the opportunity to obtain their bachelor's degree while beginning their Master's degree in Counseling during their senior year. The mission of the Counseling Program at the University of Vermont is to prepare students to work as counseling professionals in culturally and socially diverse school, mental health, and community settings and to act as facilitators of personal and social change. In the Counseling Program, students have the option to enroll in a 48 credit hour School Counseling program, a 60 credit hour Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, or in the Dual Option with 68 credits. Our program requirements include 600-1000 hours of practicum and internship in a field setting. Students enrolled in the AMP can have up to six credits of graduate-level courses taken during their senior undergraduate year count towards both a bachelor's degree and the Master's in Counseling degree. An additional three credits of graduate level coursework taken their senior year can be applied towards the master's degree provided that these three credits are not used to fulfill undergraduate degree requirements. Students in the AMP would then be expected to complete remaining master's degree requirements during a fifth and sixth year of study. Full-time graduate student status will start the fall after their undergraduate graduation and will be expected to be maintained until completion of their Master's degree in Counseling.

### SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Degree of Master of Science

Students must apply for admission into the accelerated master's in counseling program in the beginning of spring semester their junior year. Admission into AMP program will be determined, based upon the following:

- A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25
- Completion of the Graduate College Application form that must include at least two letters of recommendation from a UVM faculty member.
- SAT or GRE scores are required for admission to the Accelerated Master's in Counseling program.

Students MUST be admitted through the Graduate College before taking any courses that will be applied to the master's degree requirements. Students will start AMP degree coursework during fall of their senior year. While not required for admission, applicants are strongly encouraged to take EDCO 101 The Helping Relationship during the spring of their junior year.

### Minimum Degree Requirements for the Degree of Master of Science

A minimum of 48 credit hours for the School Counseling program, 60 credit hours for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, or 68 credits for the Dual Option are required for completion of the accelerated master's degree in counseling. Students must also complete 600-1000 hours of practicum and internship in a field setting. Students must also meet the UVM Graduate College requirements for the Master's Degree .

### ACCELERATED MASTERS PROGRAM COURSES

The 6-9 credits of course work for the AMP that will be taken during the student's undergraduate senior year should be selected from the following list:

FALL COURSES		
EDCO 374	Counseling Theory & Practice	3
EDCO 220	Developmental Persp in Counsel	3
SPRING COURSES		
EDCO 340	Development Guidance in Schls	3
EDCO 361	Practice of Mental Hlth Cnslng	3

#### Additional Courses to be taken post-bachelors

SCHOOL COUNSELING		
EDCO 374	Counseling Theory & Practice <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 220	Developmental Persp in Counsel <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 350	Prof Issues in Counseling	3
EDCO 375	Lab Experience in Counseling	3
EDCO 363	Counseling Practicum	3
EDCO 340	Development Guidance in Schls <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 377	Diversity Issues in Counseling	3
EDCO 381	Counsel/Career&Lifestyle Dev	3
EDCO 341	Diagnosis in School Counseling	1
EDCO 392	Group Counseling Experience	1
EDCO 394	Special Topics in Counseling	3
EDCO 344	Modalities: Couns Child & Adol	3
EDCO 389	Counseling Internship (School Counseling)	6
EDCO 393	Adv Group:Theory and Practice	3
EDCO 388	Family and Couples Counseling	3
EDCO 342	Assessment in School	1

EDCO 376	Addictions Counseling	3
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING		
EDCO 374	Counseling Theory & Practice <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 220	Developmental Persp in Counsel <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 350	Prof Issues in Counseling	3
EDCO 375	Lab Experience in Counseling	3
EDCO 363	Counseling Practicum	3
EDCO 361	Practice of Mental Hlth Cnslng <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 377	Diversity Issues in Counseling	3
EDCO 344	Modalities: Couns Child & Adol	3
EDCO 392	Group Counseling Experience	1
EDCO 381	Counsel/Career&Lifestyle Dev	3
EDCO 394	Special Topics in Counseling	3
EDCO 344	Modalities: Couns Child & Adol	3
EDCO 389	Counseling Internship	9
EDCO 393	Adv Group:Theory and Practice	3
EDCO 388	Family and Couples Counseling	3
EDCO 352	Assessment in Mental Health	3
EDCO 376	Addictions Counseling	3
EDCO 387	Therapeutic Psychopharmacology	3
EDCO Counseling Electives		2

DUAL OPTION (SCHOOL & CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING)		
EDCO 374	Counseling Theory & Practice <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 220	Developmental Persp in Counsel <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 340	Development Guidance in Schls <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 350	Prof Issues in Counseling	3
EDCO 375	Lab Experience in Counseling	3
EDCO 363	Counseling Practicum	3
EDCO 361	Practice of Mental Hlth Cnslng <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 377	Diversity Issues in Counseling	3
EDCO 344	Modalities: Couns Child & Adol	3
EDCO 392	Group Counseling Experience	1
EDCO 381	Counsel/Career&Lifestyle Dev <sup>1</sup>	3
EDCO 394	Special Topics in Counseling	3

EDCO 344	Modalities: Couns Child & Adol	3
EDCO 389	Counseling Internship (Mental Health)	9
EDCO 393	Adv Group:Theory and Practice	3
EDCO 388	Family and Couples Counseling	3
EDCO 352	Assessment in Mental Health	3
EDCO 376	Addictions Counseling	3
EDCO 387	Therapeutic Psychopharmacology	3
EDCO 389	Counseling Internship (School Counseling)	6

<sup>1</sup> Required during first or second year of post-bachelor's work, if not chosen for the 6-9 credits taken during senior year of undergraduate.

### Comprehensive Examination

All students are required to successfully complete a comprehensive evaluation at the end of their studies in the UVM Counseling Program. The Level I Licensure Portfolio serves as the comprehensive evaluative tool for students in the School Counseling Track. The Oral Examination ("Orals") serves this requirement for all students in the Mental Health Track. Students in the Dual Option program of study will be required to complete both the Portfolio and the Oral Examination.

### Requirements for Advancement to Candidacy for the Degree of Master of Science

A GPA of 3.0 or greater in conjunction with successful completion of all required courses as well as satisfactory completion of the comprehensive examination.