

# MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING (M.S.E.)

---

## Overview

### 60 credits

NYSED 31303

The M.S.E. program in mental health counseling is designed to prepare mental health counselors who will work in mental health clinics, community mental health centers, hospitals, nonprofit counseling agencies, college and university counseling centers, and corporate mental health services (e.g., employee assistance programs, personnel departments, mental health support units) and are eligible to open independent private practices after licensure. This rigorous, applied training program includes 60 course credits (in semester hours) plus a minimum 600-hour mental health counseling internship. The program has a practitioner-scientist orientation and includes a strong multicultural and social justice counseling emphasis.

The program can be completed full time in two years (with summers) or part time in three years (with summers). Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Licensure exam after the completion of 3,000 hours of supervised post-degree mental health counseling practice.

The M.S.E. in Mental Health Counseling is accredited by the Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC) for the period of January 2015 through January 2026.

---

## CIP Code

51.1508 - Mental Health Counseling/Counselor.

You can use the CIP code to learn more about career paths associated with this field of study and, for international students, possible post-graduation visa extensions. Learn more about CIP codes and other information resources.