The MSEd 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 New York state Mental Health Counseling Licensure exam after the completion of 3,000 hours of supervised post-degree mental health counseling practice.

### Admissions

Applicants seeking admission to the MSEd program in mental health counseling must meet the general requirements for admission to graduate study in the Graduate School of Education and these program-specific admission criteria:

- possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- show evidence of professional promise (personal, interpersonal, and intellectual characteristics appropriate to the profession and the ability to communicate effectively); evidence may be contained in the student’s application for admission, or may be sought in an interview with a member of the program faculty, if deemed appropriate
- have earned a minimum graduate and undergraduate grade point average of approximately 3.0 (B or better)
- provide two reference reports
- demonstrate proof of immunization against measles, mumps, meningitis, and rubella

### Requirements

#### Program of Study

The 60-credit program includes a 600-hour, on-site, supervised internship completed during the fall and spring (PSGE 6651 FIELD EXPERIENCE I IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING and PSGE 6653 FIELD EXPERIENCE II IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING courses) semesters. The curriculum includes the following courses:

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### Completion Requirements

To complete the MSEd in mental health counseling, students must meet the following requirements:

- strictly adhere to the principles of academic integrity of Fordham University Graduate School of Education and to the ethical principles of the profession
- complete the prescribed program of study, including 60 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree, with a minimum of 54 graduate credits taken at Fordham with the approval of an adviser
- maintain a minimum overall graduate grade point average of 3.0 (B or better)
- complete an end-of-program comprehensive assessment
- complete a 600-hour mental health counseling internship

Students may be terminated from the program if they fail to complete any of these steps.