TRANSFORMATIVE

The Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology program at Simpson University gives students a broad academic and clinical experience that is uniquely grounded in the identity and values of a Christian university. While students are not required to be Christian, the program views spirituality as central to wholeness and healing, and students are encouraged to participate in an ongoing examination of how their values and beliefs intersect with their developing professional identity.
Structure
The program can be completed in two years, with a three-year option available. Students attend classes three evenings a week with a few courses being delivered online. During the final year of study, students are placed in a clinical training setting where they work under the supervision of a licensed professional.

Collaboration
Our program emphasizes the development of competence in working with diverse populations. The curriculum includes training in trauma and crisis intervention, community collaboration, recovery-model approaches, and working with marginalized populations.

Breadth
The program has formal affiliations with a wide variety of clinical settings and training sites—from church-based counseling programs to schools, treatment programs for specific populations, and community mental health agencies—giving students the opportunity to get a breadth of clinical training experience during their degree program.

Doctoral Study
For students who want to pursue doctoral study, the opportunity to conduct research and complete a thesis is available.

Award-winning faculty
Faculty are scholars and practitioners with expertise in the areas in which they teach. From award-winning researchers to specialists in areas such as infant mental health, our faculty bring practical application of theories and research into the classroom.

Opportunities
A Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology degree allows you to serve in a variety of settings, including:
- Mental health facilities
- Family and social service organizations
- Schools
- Treatment facilities and programs
- Courts and court-sponsored programs
- Governmental and military-related agencies and programs
- Medical agencies
- Employee assistance programs
- Private practice
- Churches and faith-based organizations

Licensure
The program meets the following licensure requirements:
- California Business and Professions Code 4980.36 for Marriage and Family Therapy licensure in California
- California Business and Professions Code 4999.32 for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in California

Financial Aid
Students in both the two- and three-year program schedules are eligible to receive federal financial aid.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must meet the requirements outlined below. The selection of candidates to the program is based on evidence of academic ability, interest in the field, emotional stability, maturity, integrity, and fit with the program. Our graduate admissions counselor is available to speak personally with people interested in applying to the program.

- Bachelor’s degree in psychology or related discipline from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in your final 60 semester credits*
- Present evidence of scholastic ability
- Demonstrate interest in and commitment to the study of counseling
- Show strong personal character

* Note: If your undergraduate degree is not in psychology or related discipline, you may be considered for admission with evidence of completion of five prerequisite courses. Visit simpsonu.edu/macp for more details.

Applicants must submit the following online at simpsonu.edu/apply:
- Completed admissions form
- Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended
- Current resume
- Three letters of recommendation and reference forms
- Typed personal statement

Questions?
To learn more about scheduling an appointment, financial aid, or how to apply, contact:
M.A. in Counseling Psychology Office of Admissions
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“I can say I didn’t just learn it, but I experienced it.”

— JENNI ODELL ’12