Program Objectives

The master's degree in counseling with a specialty in mental health aims to develop advisers aware of:

1. The historical, philosophical, social, cultural, economic and political foundations on current trends in mental health counseling.
2. The roles, functions and the identity of the professional mental health counselors.
3. The structures of the professional organizations, professional preparation standards, credentials and controversial issues relevant to practice in mental health.
4. The legal considerations related to the practice of counseling in mental health (codes of ethics of the regulatory Board of Directors professionals, ACA, AMHCA).
5. The role played by race, structure family, cultural heritage, nationality, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and spiritual beliefs, occupation, State physical and mental in mental health counseling.
6. Strategies to meet the needs of the community and to design, implement and evaluate systems and mental health programs.
7. Principles, theories and practices of intervention including programs and facilities for inpatient, outpatient, partial treatment and after the crisis.
8. Practices and general principles to establish the etiology, diagnosis, treatment, referral and prevention of disorders of mental health and dysfunctional behavior, including addictive behaviors.
9. General and effective practices to promote the optimal development of the human being and his mental health.
10. Principles of diagnosis and the proper use of tools to carry it out.

POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT SCENARIOS

1. Service centers Mental Health
2. Hospitals
3. Rehabilitation programs.
4. Faith organizations
5. Community-based organizations.
6. Professional associations
7. Private practice
8. Schools
9. Correction administration.
10. Justice Department.
11. American Red Cross

Academic Program

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Total core course requirements: 9 credits
Total General counseling requirements: 21 credits
Total credits of specialty requirements: 18 credits
Total elective course: 3 credits
Total credits: 51 credits

Core course requirements (9 credits)
EDUC 505 processes of human development
CON 600 ethical and legal in counseling
CON 699 methods of research in counseling requirements

General counseling (21 credits)
CON 602 Theories of counseling
CON 604 Individual counseling
CON 605 Group counseling
CON 606 Planning life and career
CON 622 Assessment
CON 642 Psychopathology
CONFA 618 Counseling of Family and Couples

Requirements of specialty (18 credits)
CONDA 660 Addictive behaviour
CONSA 650 Diagnostics in Mental Health
CONSA 651 Mental Health Treatment and case management health Mental
CONSA 653 Practice
CONSA 654 Internship I
CONSA 655 Internship II

ELECTIVES (select 1 course 3 credits)
CONSA 649 Design and management of programs and services of Mental Health
CONDA 666 Epidemiology
CONDA 667 Management of addiction in the female
CON 621 Crisis intervention

Grade Requirements
ECM 797 comprehensive core exam
ECE 798 comprehensive specialty exam

Core courses are offered at night, in Saturday schedule and online mode.
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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

These requirements are considered for admission to the master's degree in Counseling with specialty in Mental Health:

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited University.
2. CGPA of 2.75 or more.
3. Results of the test for admission to graduate studies (EXADEP) or the "Graduate Record Examination" (GRE).
4. Completed application for admission to the College of graduate studies
5. Letters of recommendation (2)
6. Official transcript of credits directed a: Universidad Central de Bayamón Admissions Office P.O. Box 1725 Bayamon, PR 00960-1725
7. Copy of diploma or certification of grade
8. Resume updated
9. Criminal record certificate.
11. Individual interview conducted by a Committee
12. $30.00 admission fee.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of the master's degree in counseling with a specialty in mental health is to prepare professionals who can play in a variety of scenarios of work providing services to people with mental health problems or who are vulnerable to these conditions and offering preventive services to the population. In this way professionals are prepared to comply with the law 147 which includes the advisor as part of the personal call to make interventions with people with mental health problems.

This master complies with the requirements of the examination board of advisors of Puerto Rico. The aim is to that in the future the program is accredited by the national board of certified counselor or (CACREP) agency accrediting programs of counseling at the national level.

The Mission of the program is to develop professionals in counseling with a specialty in Mental Health with the specialized knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to provide, coordinate, and advocate for services needed by persons with diagnoses of mental health so that they can achieve their goals, personal, psychological and vocational.

**GRADUATIONS REQUIREMENTS:**

To complete the master's degree in counseling with specialty in Mental Health is required to comply with the following:

1. Complete the academic program.
2. Keep an average of 3.00 or more.
3. Repeat courses with score less than B.
4. Specialty courses.
5. Approved degree requirement.

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