

FAQ: CMHC PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Q: Is the CMHC program accredited?

Yes. The Moody Theological Seminary, and consequently the M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (www.ncahlc.org, 312.263.0456), the regional accrediting body for our area.

Q: Is the CMHC program CACREP accredited?

A: The CMHC program is *not yet* CACREP accredited but we are actively working toward that goal.

Q: What is CACREP and how does it impact the CMHC Program and future licensure?

A: CACREP (The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs), is a specialized accrediting body that assures graduate counseling programs—both on-campus and online CACREP-accredited programs—throughout the United States and the world meet standards within the counseling profession. (Click for more information). CACREP accreditation signals that a program's content and quality have been evaluated and meet strict, consistent standards set by the profession.

Q: Since the CMHC program is not yet CACREP accredited, will that affect the student's ability to get licensed?

A: At this time, students graduating from the CMHC program are able to graduate and become actively licensed in the state of Illinois. If you are interested in pursuing licensure in another state, we recommend that you verify the educational requirements for licensure in that state.

Q: How many credits are required to complete the CMHC?

A: The CMHC has a *60 credit requirement*, consistent with Illinois state licensing requirements.

Q: How long does it take to complete the CMHC?

The CMHC takes approximately two to three years to complete based on a full-time enrollment status.

Q. Can I work full-time while completing the CMHC and still finish in two to three years?

Due to the demands of the program and the hours spent both in and outside the classroom, we recommend that students work no more than 20 hours a week in order to create a healthy balance between work and school. Further, the fieldwork requirements in both Practicum and Internship necessitate a more flexible schedule.

Q. What are the hour commitments required for Practicum and Internship?

Based on Illinois licensure requirements, students must complete 100 hours of Practicum, 40 of which must be direct client contact. Students must also complete 600 hours of Internship, with approximately 250 direct client contact hours and a minimum of 1 hour of weekly individual supervision.

Q: As a CMHC student what are the class requirements to begin Practicum and Internship

A: Practicum Requirements:

1. PY 5500 Psychopathology
2. PY-5512 Theories of Counseling
3. PY-5514 Counseling Techniques

4. PY 6601 Human Development
5. PY 6605 Professional Identity and Ethical Practice
6. PY 6610 Diversity and Multicultural Issues (may be taken concurrently)

Internship Requirements:

1. PY-5500 Psychopathology
2. PY-5512 Theories of Counseling
3. PY-5513 Assessment Techniques in Counseling
4. PY-5514 Counseling Techniques
5. PY 6601 Human Development
6. PY-6604 Marriage & Family Dynamics: Contemporary Issues
7. PY-6605 Professional Identity & Ethical Practice
8. PY-6607 Clinical Practicum
9. PY 6610 Diversity and Multicultural Issues

Q: What is the cost of tuition for the CMHC?

As of July 1, 2016 the cost of tuition is \$410 a credit hour.

Q: I am a current Moody undergraduate student. If I apply and am accepted into the CMHC program, can I get advanced standing based on my undergraduate theology courses?

A: No, unfortunately per state licensure requirements, CMHC students must complete 60 credit hours of *graduate equivalent* coursework. However, you can receive *content credit* for certain theology courses taken at the undergraduate level (must have received a B- or higher was received) required as part of the core Bible/Theology foundation in the CMHC. Courses can be substituted by taking other theology or counseling electives, but require prior approval by the CMHC Program Director.

Q: I am a current graduate transfer applicant, if I am accepted into the CMHC program, what is the process for transferring my classes and how many credits can I transfer?

A: Upon applying, the student needs to submit their course descriptions, [transfer credit form](#) and transcripts to academic records for review. The maximum amount of transferrable credits is 30.

Q: Who is the appropriate person to approve theological credit transfers as a graduate transfer applicant?

A: Course descriptions will be sent to the program head of CMHC (Dr. Deb Gorton) and/or SME (Subject Matter Expert) in that particular department to determine if the course is transferrable. However, Dr. Gorton will ultimately sign off on all credit transfers related to the CMHC program.

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