



Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies with Elective Concentrations

CAGS in Mental Health Counseling

36 credits • 3-4 terms full time

The **CAGS in Mental Health Counseling** is an advanced, post-master's certificate program. Students will increase their expertise, add a new credential and area of competency, or upgrade their credentials in order to meet requirements for licensure.

A Flexible, Individualized Program — Each student meets with an advisor to plan an individualized academic program. Students meet periodically with their advisor to review educational and career goals. Course choices must be considered carefully in consultation with the program chair and/or academic advisor.

Academic Requirements

Required course work6

- CCA825 Counseling Leadership Seminar
- CCA830 Advanced Counseling Practice

Internship 6-12

- CCA805 CAGS Practicum—required before CCA820 if mental health practicum was not taken in prior master's program (counts as elective).
- CCA820 Counseling Internship Seminar
- CCA821 Advanced Internship Seminar
- CCA823 Counseling Internship Seminar III—only if a third term is needed to complete field experience hours (counts as elective).

Mental Health core courses, CAGS electives, concentrations . . . 24

All mental health core courses not previously taken at master's level must be taken to meet licensure requirements. See courses and sequence outlined in the MEd in Mental Health Counseling program, and consult with advisor or program chair to ensure enrollment in the corresponding CAGS-level courses (700-800 level).

All courses must be chosen with approval of academic advisor or program chair. Select no more than 4 courses each term for a maximum course load of 12 credits.

Total36

Elective Concentrations

After fulfilling licensure requirements, students may choose an elective concentration with advisor or program chair approval. The program of study may not exceed 36 credits.

- *Addictions Counseling* — CADAC, LADC
- *Geriatric Mental Health*
- *Holistic Counseling*
- *Mental Health Counseling* core program with no concentrations — LMHC
- *Pastoral Counseling*
- *Rehabilitation Counseling* — CRC, LRC (Due to the length of this concentration, no second concentration may be added.)
- *Trauma Studies*

Practicum & Internship

The practicum and internship include field experience under a qualified supervisor, conforming to Massachusetts regulations 262 CMR. May be individually designed to support licensure requirements. Further requirements are briefly outlined under each concentration. See also program handbook.

(All courses @ 3 credits.)