

WALDEN UNIVERSITY'S
DEGREE GUIDE FOR PSYCHOLOGY
AND COUNSELING CAREERS



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Choosing the Right Degree for Psychology and Counseling Careers

Similarities exist between psychology and counseling, so it is important to understand the differences. Finding the right degree program depends on your unique career goals and aspirations.

Successful students in Walden University’s College of Social and Behavioral Sciences come from a variety of educational backgrounds. In this guide, we’ll highlight select career opportunities available to you, along with the corresponding degree programs that can help you achieve your goals.

Once you have a degree program in mind, contact us at **1-800-418-7158** to speak with an enrollment advisor who can further help you find the right degree for the career you want.

Career Opportunities	Degree	Walden Advantage
<p>Educational Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty member in the field of counselor education, mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling, or school counseling • Director of guidance or pupil personnel programs • Coordinator or consultant in K–12 guidance and counseling programs • Developer of K–12 counseling programs in school districts and in the government <p>Professional Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research specialist at research institutions or corporations • Administrator of program development and evaluation in educational or community service settings • Administrator for government agencies or hospitals and clinics • Director of a mental health agency or center 	<p>Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision*</p> <p><i>Specializations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation • Counseling and Social Change • Forensic Mental Health Counseling • Nonprofit Management and Leadership • Trauma and Crisis 	<p>One of the Only</p> <p>We have one of the only Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision programs of its kind online.</p> <p>You can choose from the General Program or one of five specializations to focus your course of study on achieving your career goals.</p> <p>Aligned with National Standards</p> <p>This program is aligned with national standards.</p> <p>MobileLearnSM</p> <p>To complement the online convenience of your coursework, you’ll also have the flexibility to finish your reading assignments, listen to lectures, and more through your personal mobile device.</p>

DID YOU KNOW...

Three out of 4 Walden graduates received a pay raise within 1 year of earning their degrees. (Based on Walden’s 2008 graduate survey respondents.)

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<p>Clinical Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health counselor • Private practice counselor • Group counselor • Consultant • Outpatient counselor or therapist • Outreach specialist • Clinical therapist • Counseling associate • Marriage, couple, and family therapist or counselor • Counselor or therapist in the criminal justice system <p>Educational Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University counselor • Counselor for schools and Head Start centers • Student services and support personnel in a college or university <p>Professional Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant for a business and consulting company • Administrator in a social service agency 	<p>M.S. in Mental Health Counseling** <i>Specialization:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic Counseling <p>M.S. in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling† <i>Specializations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic Counseling • Trauma and Crisis Counseling 	<p>Accreditation Walden is one of the only schools to offer a CACREP-accredited M.S. degree in Mental Health Counseling online.</p> <p>Licensure Preparation Depending on the state in which you intend to practice, you can pursue the appropriate credentials that could qualify you to become a licensed therapist or professional counselor.¹</p> <p>Real-World Knowledge Throughout the program, including at face-to-face residencies, you'll take part in interactive simulations that allow you to experience relevant cases, discuss client scenarios, and apply your learning to real-world situations.</p> <p>You'll also observe best practices and diverse counseling styles in real-world situations through Walden's Virtual Field Experience.</p> <p>Innovative Curriculum You can study evidence-based practice, the most contemporary approach in the mental healthcare profession and a growing trend in healthcare and mental healthcare to improve patient outcomes. Increasingly, health insurance companies are recognizing this approach in determining insurance reimbursement.</p> <p><small>¹Licensing regulations vary from state to state. Walden University cannot guarantee professional licensure. See note on licensure.</small></p>

CACREP Accreditation and what it means to you.

Walden is one of the only schools to offer a CACREP-accredited M.S in Mental Health Counseling online. CACREP accreditation ensures that the program meets national standards of quality, streamlines the licensing application process in many states, and provides an advantage when applying to doctoral programs for our graduates.

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<p>Clinical Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private practice counselor or therapist (individual psychotherapy, consultations, assessments, group therapy, family therapy, marital therapy, or child therapy) • Mental health professional in a hospital or other medical-related center, school, university, legal system, community counseling center, business or industrial organization, governmental agency, or other facility (often consulting with interdisciplinary teams) • Researcher, consultant or program development professional 	<p>Ph.D. in Psychology[‡] <i>Specializations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Psychology • Counseling Psychology 	<p>One of the Only Our Ph.D. in Psychology is one of the only course-based distance-learning programs of its kind.</p> <p>Real-World Knowledge Our online courses are focused on real-world solutions. Using a scholar-practitioner model, we encourage you to integrate scholarly research with your practical expertise, giving you the opportunity to build on existing knowledge and instantly apply new knowledge.</p> <p>Dedicated Support We measure our success by yours. That's why we offer face-to-face residencies that prepare you for each phase of your program and faculty mentoring to support you through your dissertation.</p>
<p>Educational Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty or researcher in a college, university, or research institute • Administrator, department chair, or dean in a college or university • Educational consultant for institutions of higher learning <p>Professional Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrator at a hospital, clinic, community or occupational setting • Psychology researcher for research institutes, government agencies, medical centers, and corporations 	<p>Ph.D. in Psychology[‡] <i>Specializations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Psychology • Health Psychology • Organizational Psychology • Clinical Psychology • Counseling Psychology 	

Job Opportunity Outlook

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment growth for the psychology and counseling fields will come from increased demand for psychological services in schools, hospitals, social service agencies, mental health centers, substance abuse treatment clinics, consulting firms, and private companies.

The highest growth is expected to be among industrial-organizational psychologists (26%), mental health counselors (24%), and substance abuse/behavioral disorder counselors (21%).

- Counselor opportunities are expected to exceed the number of graduates from counseling programs.
- Social workers in rural areas may have the best social work prospects.
- Job opportunities are best for psychology professionals with doctoral degrees in counseling or health.

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<p>Educational Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher at a community college <p>Professional Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching careers including career leadership, executive, and life coach • Administrative position in healthcare or private or public sectors as a program manager, project manager, project director, or field research coordinator • Administrative position in governmental or nonprofit organizations such as the FBI, CIA, criminal justice system, Department of Homeland Security, or Red Cross • Researcher as a data analyst, data manager, program evaluator • Technical writer for governmental and other organizations • Consultant • Marketing director • Manager, executive or human resource or organizational development professional • Law enforcement agent (juvenile officer or officer related to fire and security) • Consultant for lawmakers, attorneys, and/or the courts 	<p>M.S. in Psychology</p> <p><i>Specializations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis Management and Response • General Program • Health Psychology • Leadership and Development Coaching • Media Psychology • Organizational Psychology and Development • Organizational Psychology and Nonprofit Management • Program Evaluation and Research • Psychology of Culture • Psychology, Public Administration, and Social Change • Social Psychology • Terrorism and Security <p>M.S. in Forensic Psychology[§]</p> <p><i>Specializations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forensic Psychology in the Community • General Program • Mental Health Applications • Program Planning and Evaluation in Forensic Settings • Psychology and Legal Systems 	<p>One of the Only</p> <p>Our M.S. in Forensic Psychology is one of the only online graduate programs in forensic psychology.</p> <p>Additionally, two of our M.S. in Psychology specializations are among the first graduate psychology specializations of their kind offered in the nation: Media Psychology and Psychology of Culture.</p> <p>Program Breadth and Depth</p> <p>Our specializations provide myriad choices, allowing you to focus your course of study toward achieving your career goals.</p> <p>You can also choose from such highly popular course electives as: Conflict, Conflict Resolution, and Peace and Disaster, Crisis, and Trauma.</p> <p>MobileLearnSM</p> <p>To complement the online convenience of your coursework, you'll also have the flexibility to finish your reading assignments, listen to lectures, and more through your personal mobile device.</p>

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More than **99%** of employers of Walden graduates said they would hire another Walden graduate.*

*Based on Walden's 2008 employer survey respondents.

***Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision**

Statement on licensure:

The Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision is not a licensure program and does not prepare an individual to become a licensed counseling professional.

Professional accreditation:

The Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision is not accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). However, the program was developed to be in line with national standards for counselor education. Since Walden's Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision is a new program, the university is not yet able to apply for CACREP accreditation. Students will be notified at such time if the program becomes accredited in the future.

****M.S. in Mental Health Counseling**

Note on licensure:

Walden University's M.S. in Mental Health Counseling is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), which is a requirement for licensure in many states. The M.S. in Mental Health Counseling program is designed to prepare graduates to qualify to sit for licensing exams and to meet the academic licensure requirements of many state counseling boards. Because Walden cannot guarantee licensure upon graduation, we encourage students to consult the appropriate agency to determine specific requirements and visit the National Board for Certified Counselors at <http://www.nbcc.org/stateboardmap> and the American Association of State Counseling Boards at www.aascb.org. International students are encouraged to identify and contact their appropriate licensing body.

‡M.S. in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling

Note on licensure:

Walden University's M.S. in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling is not accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) or the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), specialized accrediting bodies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), which is a requirement for licensure in some states. The M.S. in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling program is designed to prepare graduates to qualify to sit for licensing exams and to meet the academic licensure requirements of many state counseling boards. Because no graduate program can guarantee licensure upon graduation, we encourage students to consult the appropriate agency to determine specific requirements. Walden enrollment advisors can provide guidance on licensure issues; however, it remains the individual's responsibility to understand and comply with all state licensure requirements. Walden makes no representations or guarantee that completion of Walden coursework or programs will permit an individual to obtain state licensure or endorsement. For more information about licensure, students should visit the National Board for Certified Counselors at www.nbcc.org/stateboardmap and contact the appropriate licensing body. International students are encouraged to identify and contact their appropriate licensing body.

Professional accreditation:

The M.S. in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling is not accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) or the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). However, the program was developed to be in line with national standards for marriage, couple, and family counseling. Since Walden's M.S. in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling is a new program, the university is not yet able to apply for CACREP or COAMFTE accreditation. Students will be notified at such time if the program becomes accredited in the future.

‡Ph.D. in Psychology

Note on licensure:

The Clinical Psychology and Counseling Psychology specializations in the Psychology Ph.D. program are designed to prepare graduates to qualify to sit for psychology licensing exams. These specializations are designed to meet the academic licensure requirements of many state psychology boards. The Clinical Psychology and Counseling Psychology specializations are not accredited by the American Psychological Association and have not received designation by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards/National Register. These are requirements for licensure in some states. Because Walden cannot guarantee licensure upon graduation, we encourage students to consult the appropriate agency to determine specific requirements and visit the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Web site at www.asppb.net/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3395. International students are encouraged to identify and contact their appropriate licensing body.

§M.S. in Forensic Psychology

Note on licensure:

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