

MASTER OF ARTS (MA) IN APPLIED EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

AP 6021 PROFESSIONAL & ETHICAL ISSUES IN COUNSELING & PSYCHOTHERAPY 2 US CREDITS

The course cultivates professional awareness and introduces issues related to reflective practice. It covers such areas as professionalism, legal issues, statutes, administrative rules, and standards for practitioners in counseling and applied developmental psychology. It stresses the importance of recognizing one's professional limitations, making referrals in any area(s) considered outside the boundaries of one's professional capabilities.

AP 6022 DIVERSITY ISSUES IN COUNSELING IN DIFFERENT SETTINGS 2 US CREDITS

This workshop aims at increasing self-awareness regarding diversity issues while preparing students to work competently with various groups representing diversity with respect to race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, disability, and sexual orientation in both therapeutic and preventive contexts.

AP 6052 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY 3 US CREDITS

The course reviews major clinical syndromes of childhood and adolescence viewed within the context of normal development and explores current theoretical, diagnostic, etiological, and therapeutic viewpoints. The ideas of disability, pathology, and dysfunction and the contrasting ideas of ability, health, and functionality are considered in relation to each other.

AP 6054 RESEARCH DESIGN & DATA ANALYSIS 3 US CREDITS

This course provides a review of topics related to the research process. The first lectures cover topics about descriptive statistics, different types of variables, the properties of the ideal normal distribution, standard scores, and the relationship between variables. It then moves on the discussion of critical aspects of experimental and non-experimental research. Finally, a variety of qualitative research methods for data collection (case studies, interview, participant observation, life story) and analysis (phenomenological method, discourse analysis, grounded theory) are covered.

AP 6057 FAMILY, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SYSTEMS 2 US CREDITS

This course addresses the family as a system within an ecological context. It covers parent counseling, the school and family as interactive systems, and school-parent collaboration. It focuses on the diverse needs of the child within the context of family, school and community. The course examines the interplay of diverse cultures, lifestyles, abilities, language and communication with the role of community institutions.

AP 6058 CRISIS INTERVENTION IN THE SCHOOLS 2 US CREDITS

This course is designed to increase knowledge and skills for practice with crisis intervention.

AP 6071 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 3 US CREDITS

This course is a study of major psychological instruments used in assessment of school-aged children and adolescents; the nature, limitations, and predictive value of these methods; and the procedures for selection, administration, scoring, and interpretation of techniques for evaluation of cognitive and socio-emotional functioning.

AP 6072 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS 3 US CREDITS

This course provides a conceptual framework for interventions with children, adolescents and their families. The course will review research and intervention skills/techniques stemming from the major theoretical approaches to child and adolescent counseling and psychotherapy.

AP 6073 CONSULTATION 3 US CREDITS

Designed to provide the prospective school-based helping professional with the knowledge of theories and techniques to be an effective consultant with administration, staff and parents regarding the school learning environment, classroom management and individual student concerns including ADHD, school violence, anger management, bullying, discipline, crisis intervention.

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AP 6174 BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT AND APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

3 US CREDITS

Prerequisites

AP 6077 Child and Adolescent Development

This course focuses on identifying, recording, evaluating and changing social and academic behaviors of special and diverse populations. Theories of classroom management will be explored and various approaches to management including use of technological advances. Developing classroom and individual behavior management plans will be emphasized. The course will focus on the applications of the experimental analysis of behavior to problems of social importance with a variety of populations and settings. Observational methods, single-subject designs, behavior promotion and reduction, and generalization strategies are reviewed in relation to the needs of students with disabilities. It aims at training students in the process of systematically applying interventions based upon the principles of behavior analysis to improve socially significant and learning behaviors to a meaningful degree, and to demonstrate that the interventions employed are responsible for the improvement in behavior.

AP 6075 LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION

3 US CREDITS

This course will provide students with an in-depth understanding of the different domains of learning disabilities and their cognitive correlates. It will focus on the use and interpretation of sound norm-based assessment tools for the identification of LDs, as well as on the implementation of different intervention methods to enhance education outcomes for all children.

AP 6077 THEORIES OF LEARNING & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

3 US CREDITS

A critical presentation of stages, processes and milestones of normal cognitive, emotional and social development of children, with particular attention to the dynamic interplay between biological, psychological, and socio-cultural forces. Special emphasis is placed on the interdependence of developmental changes in the cognitive, emotional and social domains and on empirical research to integrate theoretical and applied perspectives.

AP 6478 FIELDWORK

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Prerequisites

AP 6077 Child and Adolescent Development

AP 6073 Consultation

AP 6174 Behavior Management and ABA

And

AP 6071 Child and Adolescent Psychological Assessment

or

AP 6072 Childhood and Adolescent Therapeutic Interventions

or

AP 6075 Learning Disabilities Assessment and Remediation

Fieldwork is designed much like a practicum and provides students with a structured opportunity to gain real-world, hands-on experience in a child and adolescent educational/therapeutic setting. It allows students to apply concepts and practices learned in coursework as they assist in professional-level work under the formal guidance from a qualified supervisor.

Students typically pursue tasks and projects that constitute entry-level professional work. In addition, since fieldwork is meant to be a learning opportunity for students, fieldwork tasks usually involve skills and knowledge that the student has already begun to develop through coursework but for which the student has not yet developed a high level of expertise.

Finally, the taught component of the class helps students develop case conceptualization skills by integrating theoretical knowledge and applying it to real case material for treatment/remediation planning and evaluation. Topics examined through the consultation process include: case conceptualization, professional development, peer supervision, quality assurance, legal and ethical considerations, institutional dynamics, consultation and communication of assessment results.

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AP 6479 THESIS IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

3 US CREDITS

Prerequisites

AP 6077 Child and Adolescent Development
AP 6071 Child and Adolescent Psychological Assessment
AP 6075 Learning Disabilities Assessment and Remediation
AP 6054 Research Design and Data Analysis

A Thesis is undertaken by all students working individually and in consultation with a selected instructor who acts as their thesis advisor. The dissertation must convey scholarly and/or professional analysis informed by sustained and appropriate application of methodology. The dissertation is a significant analytical piece of work: it represents work of a higher standard of what is normally expected from a term paper and provides an opportunity for students to draw on their methodological, analytical and substantive learning in a comprehensive written study.