



PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF  
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Master of Science in

# MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING



## About the Program

### MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING (MS)

The MS Program in Mental Health Counseling offers a dynamic curriculum designed to prepare counselors to provide assessment and psychotherapy services in a broad range of mental health settings. The program offers two options for degree completion: Students can earn a 60-credit MS in Mental Health Counseling or a 48-credit MS in Mental Health Counseling.

The 60-credit MS is designed to meet the educational requirements of the licensed professional counselor and has two concentrations. The Professional Counseling concentration provides specialized training in cognitive behavioral therapy and integrated health care. The Addictions and Offender Counseling concentration offers the same foundational coursework plus additional training in addictions and forensic treatments.

The 48-credit degree program also prepares counselors with specialized training in cognitive behavioral therapy and integrated health care. It is for individuals applying for licensure as a professional counselor in states that only require a 48-credit masters or who plan to further their graduate education in counseling, psychology or a related field.

All program faculty work in the mental health field and are experts in the areas they teach. Course sections within the program are kept small and highly personalized, presenting plenty of opportunities for discussion, role-playing of skills and developing close relationships with faculty.

The program is dedicated to instilling multicultural awareness in its clinical training. Above all, the program strives to bring the best of the discipline and practice of counseling to enhance the health and well-being of all individuals.

*More information:* [ADMISSIONS.PCOM.EDU](https://admissions.pcom.edu)

## Related Programs to Consider

- CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDIES (CAGS)
  - CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY IN COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR THERAPY
  - CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY IN PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
- DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (PSYD)

THIS PROGRAM OFFERED  
IN:  PA  GA

## Program HIGHLIGHTS

Our graduates are highly skilled counselors and psychotherapists with specialized training in cognitive behavioral therapy.

Our programs meet the educational and fieldwork requirements for the licensed professional counselor certification in Pennsylvania and for similar certifications in most states.

A well-developed clinical practicum and internship program enables students to have quality fieldwork experiences in a variety of mental health settings.

We are one of the few programs that provide a standardized patient program, where students can practice their counseling skills in a simulated environment and review those sessions with faculty.

Full-time students complete the program in two years and part-time students generally complete the program in anywhere from three to five years.

Over the past three years, our students have achieved a 100% pass rate on the national counseling exam.

## Career Outcomes

# YOUR FUTURE AS A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

- The MS in Mental Health Counseling prepares students for licensure as professional counselors to work in a variety of professional settings. The degree is also excellent preparation for those students who wish to further their academic career (CAGS, PsyD, PhD).
- Sample employment settings for graduates include mental health centers, inpatient psychiatric settings, outpatient clinics or group practices, forensic settings, general hospitals, and private or public schools.



## About PCOM

# THE OSTEOPATHIC DIFFERENCE

A premier osteopathic medical school, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine boasts a history that spans more than 110 years and a rich tradition of training and placing healthcare professionals who practice a “whole person” approach – treating people, not just symptoms.

Osteopathic medicine emphasizes helping each person achieve a high level of wellness by focusing on health promotion and disease prevention. Working in partnership, the healthcare professional and patient consider the impact that lifestyle and community have on the health of the individual, and they work to break down barriers to good health.

This holistic view to health care is integrated into each curriculum and practicum at PCOM. With students from various disciplines working together within a dynamic medical school setting, students have unique opportunities to learn about various aspects of health and to consider all areas of well-being.

With a broader, whole-system perspective, PCOM students learn to approach problem solving in a more professional, more team-oriented manner, preparing them to work successfully in integrated healthcare settings with other health professionals.

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*Founded in 1899,  
PCOM is one of  
the oldest colleges of  
osteopathic medicine.*

## FAST FACTS

- PCOM is just minutes from Center City Philadelphia, one of the country's leading cities for medical education.
- Athletic clubs and student organizations offer opportunities to develop friendships and leadership.
- PCOM students are committed to serving the community through various volunteer and outreach activities.
- PCOM's Activities Center features a weight room, fitness studio, racquetball courts and an NBA regulation-size basketball court.

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