



# Mental Health Counseling (MS)



## Building a Brighter World One Person at a Time.

### THE WORLD NEEDS

### MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS.

According to the National Center for Health Workforce Analysis' Behavioral Health Workforce Projections, demand for mental health counselors is projected to exceed supply by 2030. At Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), we are devoted to meeting this need by graduating students from our mental health counseling program who adopt a holistic view in which they attend to all aspects of a person's life to help people live a healthier life full of promise.

**DEVELOPED WITH  
AN EMPHASIS ON  
BUILDING COMMUNITY,  
THIS PROGRAM IS  
STRUCTURED TO  
PROVIDE STUDENTS  
WITH A SUPPORTIVE  
AND COLLABORATIVE  
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
FOCUSED ON ACADEMIC  
AND PROFESSIONAL  
SUCCESS.**



### **STUDENTS GAIN FIELD EXPERIENCE**

in a variety of mental health settings through clinical practicum and internships.



# STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM INTERDISCIPLINARY OPPORTUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LEARN FROM, WITH, AND ABOUT OTHER HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS INCLUDING DO'S, PA'S, AND PSYD'S. **THESE EXPERIENCES ALLOW STUDENTS TO APPROACH MENTAL HEALTH A WHOLE PERSON HEALTH PERSPECTIVE.**

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN OUR MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) IN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM STUDY THE MIND, BODY AND SOCIOECONOMIC FACTORS RELATED TO THE PROSPERITY OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.

STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM OUR UNIQUE STANDARDIZED TRAINING AND EVALUATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOTHERAPISTS (STEPPS) PROGRAM. THIS HANDS-ON TRAINING PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO PRACTICE THEIR CLINICAL SKILLS AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK.

IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING A FACULTY ADVISOR, EACH INCOMING FIRST-YEAR STUDENT CHOOSES A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT AS A MENTOR.

AT PCOM, COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND ENGAGEMENT IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF STUDENT LIFE. WE HAVE OVER 50 STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT STUDENTS CAN JOIN TO ENRICH THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

## PROGRAM BASICS

### PCOM's 60-credit MS in Mental Health Counseling program prepares students to provide evidence-based, culturally sensitive and collaborative treatment in a variety of settings.

Our core curriculum covers ethics, clinical assessment, counseling skills, research methods, as well as social and cultural foundations shown to impact well-being. Throughout the program our students build on their foundational skills and knowledge through a variety of courses, such as human sexuality, trauma, marriage and family, addictions, cognitive behavioral therapy and other evidenced-based interventions.

Our program allows for maximum flexibility, with full and part-time options.

## LOCATION

Our main campus is located on the outskirts of Philadelphia and features a gym, a clinical learning and assessment center, a cafeteria, meditation spaces, a digital library, computer labs and more.

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STARTS HERE!**



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**Health is everything.**