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At Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, we believe that mental health counselors should consider all aspects of people’s lives to improve their mental health.

The world needs mental health counselors. And chances are, you or someone you know has benefited from their priceless support and guidance. Mental health counselors help each individual they assist live a healthier life full of promise.

PCOM’s Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling program will prepare you to provide evidence-based, culturally-sensitive and collaborative treatment in a variety of settings. Our dynamic curriculum emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to counseling. Students develop a wider knowledge base beyond traditional Mental Health MS programs by working with students outside of their discipline. Our program provides a foundation for ethical practice that stresses multicultural awareness in clinical training. With a greater awareness, our students go on to positively impact the health of the communities around them.
Many PCOM students are highly engaged in their communities through a wide variety of philanthropic efforts and advocacy.

We teach not just how to treat problems but how to prevent them altogether.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine has been at the forefront of medicine for more than a century, and Georgia Campus was founded more than a decade ago with the same underlying principles.

Our unique program structure exposes PCOM students to an integrated, team-oriented approach to learning.

The additional skillsets students gain at PCOM empower them to impact humanity.

Osteopathic medicine emphasizes total wellness — in body, mind and spirit. In every discipline, we learn to treat the whole human by considering physical, environmental and psychological aspects of a problem.

Students collaborate outside their disciplines to gain experiential learning.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH
Our core curriculum covers basic assessment and counseling skills, and research methods, as well as social and cultural foundations shown to impact well-being. Our students build on core topics with elective studies, choosing from a variety of topics such as marriage therapy, family therapy and trauma. You can also focus on health counseling, behavioral medicine, cognitive behavioral therapy or addictions and offender counseling. The advanced curriculum continues classroom learning, and also segues into clinical internship training.

The 60-credit program meets the educational requirements for our students to become licensed professional counselors in most states, with two concentrations. The first is Professional Counseling, in which you receive specialized training in cognitive behavioral therapy and integrated healthcare. The second is Addictions & Offenders Counseling, in which you pursue professional counseling with additional training in addictions and forensic treatments.

The program can be completed full-time or part-time. Full-time students complete the program in two years, while part-time students take three to five years.

As a student in our Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling program, you’ll study the mind, body and socio-economic factors related to the prosperity of individuals, families and communities.
One of a few programs nationwide that offers a standardized patient program where students practice counseling skills in a simulated environment with faculty review sessions.

Graduates of our program leave loaded with the skills and knowledge necessary to provide mental health counseling in this ever-changing world. Students are prepared for licensure as professional counselors in many states across a variety of settings. These include mental health centers, inpatient psychiatric centers, outpatient clinics, group practices, forensic settings, general hospitals and schools.

The degree provides excellent preparation for students who wish to continue their education beyond the MS, going on to receive a CAG, PsyD or PhD in the mental health field. As you explore the many subjects within this program at PCOM, you will be prepared to impact humanity with a wealth of experience and holistic understanding.

Stephanie has been an assistant clinical professor in our psychology department for over a decade. After receiving her master’s degree from PCOM, she went on to work at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia where she helped children cope with trauma. In addition to the therapy she provided at CHOP, she also authored and co-authored several articles on the effect of trauma on adults, children and families.

Stephanie used her knowledge and experience from CHOP to develop her own private practice, Well-Being Center, where she is the clinical director and a psychotherapist committed to treating the body and mind for healthier lives.

Students benefit from working closely with our internationally-renowned faculty.
For more than a century, we’ve educated talented physicians, health practitioners and behavioral scientists who focus on the whole person instead of individual symptoms.

Our main campus is located on the beautiful outskirts of Philadelphia, a city that boasts some of the top hospitals and medical schools in the nation. It’s the perfect environment to build a network and launch a career in the world of healthcare.

Evans Hall is the main building on campus, featuring video-equipped amphitheaters, a cafeteria, research and anatomy labs, a digital library, an osteopathic manipulative medicine lab and more.

At Rowland Hall, students will find the Dr. Michael and Wendy Saltzburg Clinical Learning & Assessment Center, classrooms, study areas, computer labs, the college bookstore, student services, academic offices and other support operations.

Our students are just as committed to the community as they are to their classwork. More than 50 student organizations at PCOM are actively making a difference in people’s lives. And our four PCOM Healthcare Centers serve people who need care in urban areas of Philadelphia and rural Sullivan County. We even have a location on campus to treat community members.
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