

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Evangel Counseling Program

The following are frequently asked questions associated with Evangel's Counseling Program. For detailed explanation, please see the Counseling Program Handbook on the program webpage.

1. What degree can I earn if I am admitted into Evangel University Counseling Program? *Students can earn a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling or a Master of Science in School Counseling.*
2. Are the seated programs accredited with the Council of Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)? *Our seated program has been accredited through October 31, 2027.*
3. What is the admission criteria for Evangel's Counseling Program?
  - *Earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university,*
  - *Have a grade point average of 3.0 or better in the last 60 hours of undergraduate work or last two years as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student,*
  - *In lieu of a minimum 3.0 GPA requirement, applicant may submit GRE scores (minimum of 290 combined and writing score of 3.0),*
  - *Six hours of psychology coursework with grades of a B- or better,*
  - *APA writing sample,*
  - *Statement of purpose,*
  - *Three references,*
  - *Updated resume,*
  - *Background check.*

*Graduate faculty review completed application and invite eligible applicants for an admission interview. The graduate faculty base admission decisions on the strength of the application packet (GPA, references, writing sample and statement of purpose) and interview.*

4. When are applications accepted for the fall cohort? *Applications are accepted from October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Late applications may be considered provided space capability.*
5. What is the format of course instruction? *The seated program is predominantly a face to face program. All core courses are taught in a face to face setting. Some specialty courses are taught online or in a hybrid fashion. Faculty utilize the university learning management system to track student progress, post and grade assignments and provide additional learning experiences.*
6. Who are your faculty and how do they teach their classes. *The core faculty consist of Drs. Christine Arnzen, Kristen Kansiewicz, Melody Palm, and Huba Ray. All of the core faculty bring real world experience into the classroom. Adjunct faculty consist of doctoral and master level instructors who possess expertise in specific courses (i.e. crisis and trauma). Faculty utilize various teaching methods such as lecture, discussion and experiential learning exercises.*
7. What are the requirements for graduation? *A student must achieve the following:*
  - *Complete a 60 credit hours as designated in the specialty track program plan,*
  - *Earn a 3.0 GPA or higher,*
  - *Consistently demonstrate disposition deemed important to the counselor identity (see program handbook),*
  - *Pass candidacy,*
  - *Earn "meets requirement" rating in eight designated student learning outcomes,*
  - *Pass program comprehensive examination,*
  - *Be recommended for graduation by faculty advisor.*

8. How much does the program cost? *The Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling program for 2021-2022 costs \$420 per credit hour. Cost for textbooks, labs, supervision fee, comprehensive examinations and professional liability insurance are associated with specific courses. A list of additional fees can be found at <https://www.evangel.edu/tuition-fees-and-billing/graduate-tuition-fees/>*

9. Does this program qualify for financial aid? *Students can apply for financial aid by completing a FAFSA form found on the program webpage. <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>*

10. Are there scholarships or graduate assistantships available? *The program awards a number of institutional and endowed scholarships ranging from \$600 to \$1,800 per academic year. Scholarship decisions are based on an applicant's strong academic record, leadership potential and financial need. The program also hires graduate assistants to assist in teaching responsibilities and/or research projects. Graduate assistantships range from \$1,800 to \$3,600. Typical assistantships require 8 hours of work per week and result in a taxable tuition stipend that is generally equal to the pay of a part-time job. Assistantships are awarded based on strong academic record, skills and strengths of the applicant and availability for service. Contact the College of Adult and Graduate Studies for Scholarship and Graduate Assistant applications upon acceptance into the program. Awards are made a month prior to the fall start date.*