

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.*
 - *Admission essay.*
 - *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 1st through April 1st. Late applications will be reviewed based on remaining available admission openings.*
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.*
 - *The online program is designed for distance learners who want to have a live connection with faculty and peers. Students will participate in 1.5 hours of live instruction for each course per week. Faculty utilize video conferencing platforms as well as the university learning management system to track progress, post and grade assignments, as well as provide supplemental resources for ongoing growth.*
6. **Who are your faculty and how do they teach their classes?** *The core faculty consist of Drs. Christine Arnzen, Kristen Kansiewicz, Huba Ray, Erica Daniels and Professor Bearden. 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 dispositions 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*
 - *Receives a recommendation for graduation by faculty advisor*
8. **How much does the program cost?** *For the most up to date cost for tuition and associated fees, please see: <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 their 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.*