

## Masters in Counseling -- Career Resources

### What can I do with a Masters degree in Counseling?

A master's degree with a major in counseling psychology provides training for students who wish to work in private practice, universities and community colleges, industry, mental health and mental retardation centers, rehabilitation settings and hospitals. In many states, master's-level practitioners are required to work under the supervision of a licensed doctoral-level psychologist. With additional course work, graduates of the program may meet requirements for licensure as professional counselors or marriage and family therapists.

<http://www.unt.edu/pais/grad/gmcpsy.htm>

Counseling Job-Related Titles			
Private Counselor	Social worker	Clergy	Hospice Care
Psychologist	Crisis Intervention	Customs/Immigration	Public Relations
Psychiatrist	Case Worker	Officer	Probation Officer
Psychotherapist	Physicians	Corrections Officer	
Employment		Correctional Caseworker	
Agency Counselor			

### Bureau of Labor Statistics Information

#### Social and Human Service Assistants (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos059.htm>)

- While a bachelor's degree usually is not required, employers increasingly seek individuals with relevant work experience or education beyond high school.
- Employment is projected to grow much faster than average.
- Job opportunities should be excellent, particularly for applicants with appropriate postsecondary education, but pay is low.

#### Social Workers (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos060.htm>)

- While a bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement, a master's degree in social work or a related field has become the standard for many positions.
- Employment is projected to grow faster than average.
- Competition for jobs is expected in cities, but opportunities should be good in rural areas.

#### Psychologists (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos056.htm>)

- More than 1 out of 4 psychologists are self-employed—nearly four times the average for professional workers.
- Most specialists, including clinical and counseling psychologists, need a doctoral degree; school and industrial-organizational psychologists need a master's degree.
- Opportunities in psychology are *limited for those with only a bachelor's degree*.

#### Physicians and Surgeons (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos074.htm>)

- Many physicians and surgeons work long, irregular hours; almost one-third of physicians worked 60 or more hours a week in 2002.
- New physicians are much less likely to enter solo practice and more likely to work as salaried employees of group medical practices, clinics, hospitals, or health networks.
- Formal education and training requirements are among the most demanding of any occupation, but earnings are among the highest.

#### Clergy (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/oco20052.htm>)

- Many denominations require that clergy complete a bachelor's degree and a graduate-level program of theological study; others will admit anyone who has been "called" to the vocation.
- Individuals considering a career in the clergy should realize they are choosing not only a career but also a way of life; members of the clergy typically work irregular hours and many put in longer than average work days.
- Opportunities are expected in all faiths, but in some denominations competition is likely for positions leading large urban worship groups.

### Occupational Therapists (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos078.htm>)

- Employment is projected to increase faster than the average, as rapid growth in the number of middle-aged and elderly individuals increases the demand for therapeutic services.
- A bachelor's degree in occupational therapy is the minimum educational requirement; beginning in 2007, however, a master's degree or higher will be required.
- Occupational therapists are increasingly taking on supervisory roles.

### Counseling Job Search/Listings Websites

School psychology job center ([http://www.schoolpsychology.net/p\\_jobs.html](http://www.schoolpsychology.net/p_jobs.html))

Psych job listings in geocities (<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Flats/5353/classes/psychjobs/>)

Social Service.com (<http://www.socialservice.com/>)

Jobsience.com (<http://www.jobpsychology.com/>)

FEDERAL JOBS (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>)

Jobs with the US Department of Health & Human Services (<http://www.dhhs.gov/jobs/index.html>)

Jobs with the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (<http://www.hud.gov/jobs/index.cfm>)

The Corporation for National & Community Service (includes Americorp) (<http://www.nationalservice.org/>)

### Professional Associations, Organizations, and List-servs

APA - American Psychological Association ([www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org))

APS - American Psychological Society ([www.psychologicalscience.org](http://www.psychologicalscience.org))

TPA - Texas Psychological Association ([www.texaspsyc.org](http://www.texaspsyc.org))

TSBEP - Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists ([www.tsbep.state.tx.us](http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us))

ACA - American Counseling Association ([www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org))

TCA - Texas Counseling Association ([www.txca.org](http://www.txca.org))

### UNT Student Organizations

Chi Sigma Iota – Rho Kappa Chapter

GASP - Graduate Association of Students in Psychology

### Books and Print Resources

#### General Counseling Books available at UNT Dallas Library:

Title	Call Number	Year
Counseling and psychotherapy theories in context and practice [electronic resource]	BF637.C6 S69 2004eb	2004
Counseling psychology and optimal human functioning [electronic resource]	BF637.C6 C65 2003eb	2003
The effects of the CACREP standards on the development of counseling skills [electronic resource]	Electronic Dissertation	2002
Going for counseling: working with a counselor to develop essential life skills [electronic resource]	HQ2037 .S74 1999eb	1999
Learning to counsel: how to develop the skills to work effectively with others [electronic resource]	BF637.C6 S88 1997eb	1997
New directions in counseling [electronic resource]	BF637.C6 N48 1996eb	1996
The new handbook of psychotherapy and counseling with men. Vols. 1 and 2: a comprehensive guide to settings, problems, and treatment approaches [electronic resource]	BF637.C6 N485 2001eb	2001
Rehabilitation counseling in physical and mental health [electronic resource]	RC439.5 .R4235 2002eb	2002
The shadow and the counselor: working with darker aspects of the person, role and profession [electronic resource]	BF637.C6 P24 1999eb	1999