

School of Behavioral Science

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INTRODUCTION

The School of Behavioral Science is home to both undergraduate and graduate programs. These programs are offered through the following academic departments.

College

Department of Behavioral Science

Graduate

Department of Graduate Counseling, which offers the online Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

College

The purpose of this department is to give the student a basic understanding of human behavior and the nature of society. Study in this department will allow the student to acquire knowledge of basic theoretical concepts of psychology and sociology from a biblical perspective. Programs offered in the department are a Bachelors of Science or a Bachelors of Arts degree with a major in counseling, criminal justice, psychology, and sociology. A minor is offered in behavioral science, criminal justice, and sports psychology.

Graduate

The Department of Graduate Counseling (DOGC) is committed to providing graduate level programing that equips students to be Scripturally grounded, professionally skilled, and interpersonally competent as they actively engage in the counseling profession and its related ministries. The purpose of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) degree is to prepare students for future licensure in clinical mental health counseling.

GOALS

A Christian worldview begs a second look at the study of the mind and the study of the soul. The School of Behavioral Science is no exception; with Christ at the center, our Behavioral Science students are trained to serve lovingly and truthfully in a field that desperately needs grace. Courses in this school not only cover the theoretical concepts and researched discoveries, both historical and recent, but they also delve into the experimental and clinical methodologies that define this discipline. The school's desire is to see students develop intuitive responses to the tough challenges that modern psychology presents to the professional and the

client alike. As students strive toward excellence in this delicate field, they will be led by full-time, licensed, and certified faculty who have worked in their field and who have grounded their work in their beliefs.

Graduate

Upon fulfillment of program goals, students will be:

- **Scripturally grounded** in order to apply biblical values personally and professionally
- **Professionally skilled** so that students can exemplify ethical, legal, and clinical standards in professional counseling, ministry, and clinical mental health settings
- **Interpersonally competent** for the purpose of establishing and maintaining healthy relationships within and among clients, colleagues, and communities

ACCREDITATIONS

Graduate

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), which is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), has granted accreditation to the Grace College Department of Graduate Counseling for the M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree. For more information on CACREP accreditation, [please click here](#).

IMPORTANT: CACREP accreditation does not guarantee a student's ability to obtain licensure as an LMHC, LPC, or equivalent in the United States or any other country. Students are responsible for researching and understanding how CACREP impacts the practice of counseling and obtaining licensure in their desired state of residency post-graduation.

FACULTY

Undergraduate

Full-time

Derrick Angier, Ph.D.
Kelly Arney, Ph.D.
Sharon Dutkowski, M.S.
Thomas Edgington, Ph.D.
Joe Graham, Psy.D.

Part-time

Craig Allebach, M.A.
Norm Bakhit, M.A.
Kelly Bugg, M.S.
Wendy Darr, M.A.
Ashlyn Fawley, M.S.W.
Brad Kellar, B.S.
Ty Propp, M.A.
Mackenzie Rice, Psy.D.
Kevin Roberts, Psy.D.
Kip Shuter, MBA
Heather Storey, M.S.

Graduate

Full-time

Rebecca Belton, Ph.D.
Jill Brue, Ph.D.
Christopher Christmas, Ph.D.
Danielle Johnson, Ph.D.
Denise Lewis, Ph.D.
Ronnie Pace, Ph.D.
Lucas Tillett, Ph.D.

Part-time

Jeff Blosser, M.A.
Aaron Brewer, M.A.
Hana Cook, M.A.
Shekyra DeCree, Ph.D.
Courtney Dressler, M.A.
Deb McEvoy, Psy.D.
Miya Moore-Felton, Ph.D.
Marcella Rolle, Ph.D.
Aaron Wheeler, M.A.

Degrees

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

Majors

Counseling – with concentrations in:

Addictions Counseling
Child and Family Counseling
Comprehensive Counseling

Criminal Justice – with concentrations in:

General Criminal Justice
Law Enforcement
Social Science

Psychology

Bethany Nesbitt Child & Family Psychology
Clinical and Integrative Health
Comprehensive Psychology
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Sports Psychology

Sociology

Minors

Behavioral Science
Criminal Justice
Sports Psychology

GRADUATE DEGREE

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling