

CACREP Accreditation Curricular Requirements:

Niagara University's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Program Objectives: The Eight CACREP Core Areas reflected in Niagara University's Clinical Mental Health Counseling curriculum are:

1. Professional Orientation & Ethics Practice: Understanding legal, ethical and professional issues such as liability, risk management, and challenges to the counseling profession. Courses addressing this standard: EDU 652, EDU 658, EDU 659, EDU 673, EDU 679, EDU 685, EDU 686, EDU 687
2. Social and Cultural Diversity: Developing skills in understanding a diverse twenty-first century global society. Courses addressing this standard: Specifically, EDU 652, EDU 664, EDU 659. Additionally, virtually all counseling classes address this standard.
3. Human Growth and Development: Understanding the life transition issues such as separation from family of origin, marriage and partnership and the challenges such transitions present our clients. Courses addressing this standard: EDU 655, EDU 668, EDU 658, EDU 659. EDU 666, EDU 672, EDU 803
4. Career Development: Developing competence and expertise in a variety of career interests, vocational assessments and how such assessments are helpful. Courses addressing this standard: EDU 664
5. Helping Relationships: How to establish and deepen a therapeutic or working alliance with the client(s). Courses addressing this standard: EDU 651, EDU 654, EDU 657 EDU 658, EDU 668, EDU 659, EDU 668, EDU 803
6. Group Work: Understanding the nature and special challenges of group counseling, support and training groups. Courses addressing this standard: EDU 669
7. Assessment: Developing an understanding of how psychological and clinical assessments enhance the counseling relationship. Courses addressing this standard: EDU 595, EDU 657, EDU 664, EDU 666, EDU 679, EDU 685, EDU 686, EDU 687, EDU 803
8. Research and Program Evaluation: To assist students in understanding research and

statistics. Courses addressing this standard: EDU 595

Program Objectives: The Six CACREP Clinical Mental Health Counseling Areas reflected

in Niagara University's Clinical Mental Health Counseling curriculum are:

1. Foundations: Courses addressing this standard: EDU 673, EDU 672, EDU 657.
2. Counseling, Prevention, and Intervention: Courses addressing this standard: EDU 673, EDU 666, EDU 669, EDU 672, EDU 673, EDU 670, EDU 666
3. Diversity and Advocacy: Courses addressing this standard: EDU 652, EDU 666, EDU 673, EDU 685, EDU 671, EDU 657
4. Assessment: Courses addressing this standard: EDU 657, EDU 595, EDU 666, EDU 672
5. Research and Evaluation: Courses addressing this standard: EDU 595
6. Diagnosis: Courses addressing this standard: EDU 666, EDU 657

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