Community Counseling

The Master of Arts in Community Counseling (MACC) degree is designed for students who wish to become professional ethical counselors skilled in treating both mental health and addiction disorders. The curriculum includes the core academic requirements for licensed Professional Counselors in Pennsylvania. Most students supplement their academic programs of study with three clinically oriented electives to meet the 60-hour graduate academic requirement for licensure.

The MACC program has been developed to correspond with the academic and experiential requirements for licensure as a Professional Counselor in Pennsylvania. Alvernia is an approved testing site for the National Counselor Examination (NCE) and chose the NCE because of its portability to other states for licensure purposes. Most students who take the National Counselor Examination (NCE) in their final semester of coursework pass this examination on their first attempt. Many graduates of the MACC program have become licensed without delay after successfully completing their two-year supervised experience required by law.

Responding to national trends in the counseling field, our integrated curriculum was designed to prepare professional counselors to work effectively with clients seeking help with a broad range of problems. The faculty is committed to providing a comprehensive counselor training program. Students will find that each course includes a mental health and an addictions component, each providing them with the knowledge base and skill-development opportunities necessary to practice. Students will be prepared to address complicated issues of social justice and healthy functioning with an approach that combines theory and hands-on practical experiences.

ADMISSIONS

Students can easily become a part of the Alvernia community with our rolling admissions process, which means that we continually accept and review applications. For full consideration for admission, please apply by the priority deadlines as follows:

May 1st – Fall admission
November 1st – Spring admission

To begin the admissions process, students should complete the online application and submit a non-refundable $50 application fee.

Students are eligible for admission to the MACC program when the following criteria have been met:

• Transcripts from all institutions with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

• Successful completion of the following three undergraduate courses: Introduction to Psychology, Statistics or Research and Psychopathology.

• Three recommendations (names of recommenders and their emails are required to submit application)

• Scores from nationally standardized examinations such as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT)

• A personal statement (may be uploaded) summarizing the value of the program of graduate study for your personal and professional growth and development

• A current resume (may be uploaded) outlining your professional and educational experiences

FACULTY

Students will be taught by practicing licensed mental health professionals with years of experience in the field. Alvernia’s MACC faculty members have real-world expertise as impressive as their academic backgrounds. They’re committed to enhancing the educational experience and continually refine what they teach to reflect what’s really happening in the mental health field.

AFFORDABILITY

Alvernia’s MACC program provides a great value for your money. There are lots of ways Alvernia University can make your tuition more affordable, including our tuition payment plan and a variety of financial aid options. Or take advantage of our tuition deferment program, which allows you to postpone payment for classes until your employer reimburses you at the end of each semester.

APPLY TODAY

Visit our website to apply online at: www.alvernia.edu/gradadult/apply
### Semester 1

- **MCC 500:** Introduction to Counseling  
- **MCC 510:** Human Development  
- **MCC 560:** Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling

### Semester 2

- **MCC 520:** Counseling Theories  
- **MCC 610:** Advanced Counseling with Groups  
- **MCC 640:** Psychopathology

### Summer

- **MCC 530:** Multicultural Issues in Counseling  
- **COR 520:** Ethics & Moral Leadership

### Semester 3

- **MCC 600:** Advanced Counseling Individuals  
- **MCC 620:** Research  
- **MCC 540:** Addictions and Society

### Semester 4

- **MCC 630:** Appraisal Test & Measurement  
- **MCC 560:** Career Counseling  
- **MCC 550:** Practicum

### Summer

- **MCC 645:** Crisis Counseling  
- **MCC 605:** Special Populations (Electives)  
- **MCC 615:** Relapse & Recovery (Electives)  
- **MCC 535:** Children & Adolescents

### Semester 5

- **MCC 670:** Internship 1  
- **(Elective)**

### Semester 6

- **MCC 680:** Internship II  
- **MCC 545:** Family (Elective)

### FLEXIBILITY

Alvernia makes it easy for busy adults to earn their degree by offering courses in the evening at locations in Reading and Philadelphia. Students have the choice between full-time attendance (9 credits per semester) or part-time attendance (6 credits per semester). All courses are 3 credits each, and classes are offered in the evening.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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