

OUR GRADUATE PROGRAMS OFFER CONVENIENCE AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Alvernia University provides you with more than theories and tools for a successful career. It provides you opportunities to discuss and apply what you have learned. If you join the MACC program, you will find:

- **Incomparable personal attention** from your advisor and your professors.
- **Small classes** that promote interactive learning.
- **Tuition Deferment** if you are reimbursed by your employer.
- **Opportunity to network** with other adult students like yourself.
- **Accelerated** sessions and year round course offerings.

The MACC program of study provides students with the opportunity to explore personal interest areas within the content of coursework. As such, students create a unique academic experience. Our small class sizes help ensure you'll receive personalized learning and attention.

OUR FACULTY

It's simple: our engaging, dynamic faculty members are the heart of Alvernia University. They enjoy the freedom to conduct research, but they are here because they love to teach, and they truly enjoy getting to know their graduate students. You'll be taught coursework by practicing licensed mental health professionals, with years of experience in the field. Faculty are attuned to the real-world needs of our graduate students, who are here to build their skills.

Judith Warchal, Ph.D.
Professor of the Psychology and
Counseling Department

"Our curriculum prepares students to provide ethical and accountable clinical services. Dedicated faculty work closely with students to provide learning opportunities that extend beyond the limits of the classroom. Through advocacy and social action, graduates join other professional counselors to empower the people they serve."



INSIDE ALVERNIA

While our core institutional values—*service, humility, collegiality, contemplation, and peacemaking*—extend from the faith of our Franciscan founders, they have a universal ethical appeal.



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- Master in Business Administration (classroom and online delivery formats)
- Master of Education
- Secondary (Grades 7-12), Early Childhood (Grades Pre K-4), Special Education, School Nurse or Principal Graduate Certifications
- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
- Master in Science in Nursing
- Master in Science in Occupational Therapy
- Superintendent Letter of Eligibility
- Doctor of Philosophy with Concentrations in Education, Corporate, and Community Leadership

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about our MACC program, to request an application, or to inquire about our deferred payment plan based on employer tuition reimbursement, please contact:

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MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY COUNSELING

M.A.C.C.



ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY



An Education in the Franciscan Tradition



UPHOLDING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS IN COUNSELING

Our **UNIQUE** Master of Arts in Community Counseling program is for the adult student committed to upholding the highest standards in **PROFESSIONAL** mental health and addictions counseling. Our advanced counseling program allows instructors to focus on important issues such as cultural **RELEVANCE**, ethical sensitivity, and social justice. Our MACC students bring **DIVERSE** educational and experiential backgrounds to our program. Whether you want to increase your knowledge as a health care provider, become a licensed counselor, or prepare for doctoral studies, Alvernia University's graduate program will help you achieve your goals.

MACC PROGRAM MATRICULATION AND COURSE SEQUENCE

The Master of Arts in Community Counseling program matriculates students during the fall term of each academic year. The program curriculum rotates on a three-year cycle, and classes are designed to build on previous coursework. Coursework begins by enrolling in Introduction to Counseling (MCC 500). Students wishing to begin classes prior to the fall term are permitted to take the interdisciplinary core course Moral Leadership (COR 510) during the spring and/or summer terms. Otherwise, students are expected to follow the recommended course sequence, or they may encounter delays in future course selection or practicum and internship assignments. The capstone internship course is required and provides students with the opportunity to practice professional counseling with the support and supervision of on-site supervisors and Alvernia faculty.

The Master of Arts in Community Counseling program may be completed either at the main campus in Reading or the Philadelphia Center.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

Students with any bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university are eligible for entry into the program. There are three mandatory prerequisite courses: Introduction to Psychology, Psychopathology, and a course in Statistics or Quantitative Methods of Research, which students must complete prior to beginning coursework. A graduate school entrance examination, preferably the Millers Analogies Test (MAT), is required. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is also acceptable.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

Membership in the American Counseling Association (ACA) is expected, with students joining the ACA as soon as possible. Students must obtain professional liability insurance and are required to have it before going out on practicum or internship in the latter part of the program. Student members are eligible for discounted insurance rates. Please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator for more information.

CERTIFICATION AND PREPARATION FOR LICENSURE

Students who complete the Master of Arts in Community Counseling program may be eligible for certification as Certified Addiction Counselors and as National Certified Counselors with specialties as Certified Mental Health Counselors and Master Addiction Counselors.

The Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) has approved many of Alvernia's Community Counseling courses for credits for Certified Addiction Counselors. Students need to contact the Pennsylvania State Licensing Board to determine the exact requirements for post-degree licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Pennsylvania or any state in which the student seeks licensure.

The MACC program is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.



Brandon Ballantyne
MACC '11

"Alvernia's MACC program has allowed me to develop my individuality as a counselor. The program has given me the opportunity to make a difference in the community by voicing my professional opinion. I'm gaining the skills and tools I need to make an impact one second at a time."

"The MACC program is comprehensive and is designed to prepare students to become Professional Counselors. Students will find a wealth of resources available to meeting the academic and professional needs of the program."

Paul L. West, Ed.D., LPC ■ Assistant Professor of Psychology

A MASTER OF ARTS FROM MUCH MORE THAN

As you build a solid foundation in traditional and contemporary counseling topics, you'll discover how your actions can create positive changes. In all, you'll acquire a broad range of skills, tools and knowledge that prepares you for advanced counseling practice.

Students are supported and guided through the practicum experiences by Alvernia faculty and on-site supervisors, so they emerge from their experiences with superior skills and a real-world understanding of professional boundaries and ethics. Finally, they've developed important relationships with potential employers and peers in the field.

Our program in Community Counseling prepares students to provide excellent, professional services to individuals, as well as to advocate for social justice and systemic change to address the needs of those marginalized by poverty, racism, or other forms of discrimination.

Our graduate students are placed at meaningful internship sites such as the Caron Foundation, Reading Hospital Detoxification Unit, the

*designed to prepare students for licensure as
collegial atmosphere and a program dedicated
ional needs of working individuals.”*

Technology and Counseling ■ Coordinator of MACC Program

ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY: EARNING A CREDENTIAL

Center for Mental Health, Berks Counseling Center, and Threshold Rehabilitation Services, among others. If you want more from your graduate program than merely a credential, Alvernia University could be the right choice for you and your career.

PAYING FOR AN ALVERNIA EDUCATION

An Alvernia education remains an excellent value in the higher education marketplace. Financial aid counselors can provide information about loans to help make your MACC affordable. Also, we offer a deferred payment plan for graduate students who are eligible for reimbursement from their employer. Once you are an Alvernia graduate student, the Office of Student Financial Planning continues to assist you with financing your education and more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our Web site for details about the course schedule and descriptions, to apply online, or to learn more about our main and satellite locations, faculty, and innovative programs that meet the needs of graduate students like you.

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for clear, specific local and regional directions.





COME VISIT US!

We invite you to visit Alvernia University in person. Spending time here and talking to a Graduate Coordinator are the best ways to know if we are the right fit for you. Our daytime, evening, and Saturday hours provide convenient opportunities for a personal visit. Once you have decided to apply to Alvernia, our supportive staff will help you along the way with the entire MACC admission process. To arrange a visit, please contact our Graduate Admissions by phone or email.

TO ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

alvernia.edu/about/reading/index.html
regional driving directions to our campuses.



GET YOUR DEGREE ON TIME AND ON TARGET.

With several formats a year, our MACC program lets you earn your degree at a faster pace than traditional programs. We offer a flexible schedule so students can continue working full-time while obtaining their MACC degree. Because classes are small, instructors are available to give more personal support, both in and out of the classroom.