

## M. A. in Counseling and Community Psychology

### Why it's for you

Do you want to make a difference as a mental health counselor working with individuals, groups, and/or families? Then the Sage Graduate School Master of Arts program in Counseling and Community Psychology is for you.

**At Sage, you'll receive leading-edge training for a career in this field, leading to licensure as a Mental Health Counselor in New York State.**

As family, cultural, and societal issues intersect and become more complex, this program will prepare you to be a focused and effective professional in your chosen area of counseling practice. You'll learn how to provide evaluation, assessment, treatment and consultation services in community agencies serving a range of populations.

You also can elect to pursue a Certificate in Forensic Mental Health, or a Certificate in Gerontology. Contact Nursing Department for more information on Gerontology).

### Faculty

You'll learn from and work with faculty who are experts *and* practitioners in the field of counseling and community psychology and in the area of concentration you choose. At Sage, you'll study alongside professors who practice what they teach.

### Admission

In addition to the general admission requirements for Sage Graduate School, applicants must have:

- a minimum undergraduate GPA 3.0 for regular admission to the program.
- completed undergraduate courses in Social Science Statistics and History & Systems of Psychology (not required for undergraduate psychology majors)
- completed at least three undergraduate courses in Behavioral Sciences (for non-psychology majors)
- a personal interview with the Graduate Program Director, following submission of all application materials.

### Program Summary

All courses are three (3) credits

**Total degree credit hours:**

**60**

### Degree Requirements

1. Completion of all required and elective courses (60 credit hours).
2. Completion of an externship and a 600-hour internship in community settings (3 credit hours each). All placements are after the completion of 45 credit hours.
3. Completion of a thesis (3 -6 credit hours) or research seminar (3 credit hours).

### I. Core Counseling Requirements

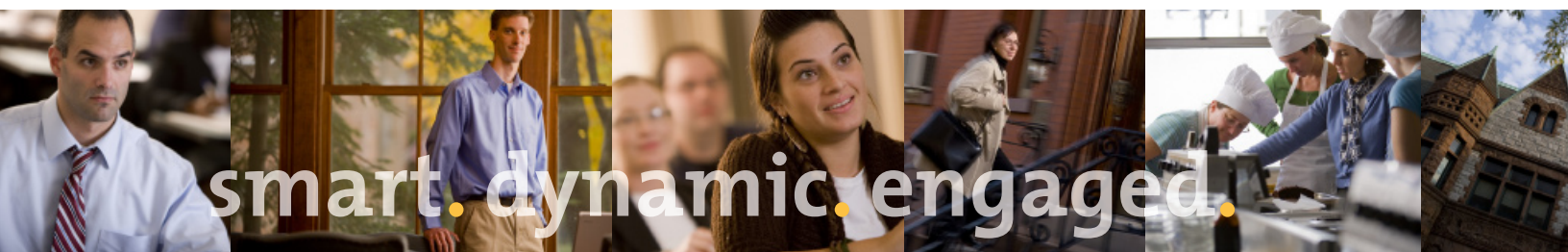
PSY 571	Counseling
PSY 567	Group Counseling Dynamics
PSY 575	Abnormal Psychology
PSY 587	Family Counseling
PSY 588	Counseling Skills

### II. Core Community Psychology Requirements

PSY 551	Community Psychology: Frameworks for Intervention
PSY 558	Community-Based Prevention and Intervention
PSY 562	Community Mental Health
PSY 570	Developmental Psychology

### III. Research Methods Sequence

PSY 563	Behavior Research Methods
PSY 572	Assessment in Counseling
PSY 581	Program Evaluation



**IV (a) Students in Certificate in Forensic Psychology must complete the following:**

PSY?FMH	Introduction to Forensic Mental Health	505
PSY/FMH	Victimology and Victims Services	510
PSY/FMH	Evaluation and Treatment of Adult Offenders	515
PSY/FMH	Evaluation & Treatment of Court-Involved Youth	520

**IV (b). Select four of the following electives with advisement (students NOT in forensic certificate) : 12 credits**

PSYFMH	Introduction to Forensic Mental Health	505
PSY 585	Risk & Resilience in Development	
PSY 592	Alcoholism/Drug Addiction: Vulnerabilities, Dynamics and Problems	
PSY 547	Bereavement Counseling	
PSY 548	Counseling & Child Psychopathology	
PSY 549	Introduction to Play Therapy	
PSY 612-613	Advanced Play Therapy I & II	
GNT 501	Perspectives on Aging	
GNT 503	Psychosocial Aspects of Aging	
HED 542	Chemical Dependence Education and Prevention	
GDC 585	Counseling Culturally Diverse Populations	
GNT 522	Chronic Illness & Palliative Care	

**V. Community Placements**

PSY 566	Externship
PSY 610	Internship in Counseling I
PSY 611	Internship in Counseling II

**VI. Capstone Final Project (select one)**

PSY 589	Thesis <b>OR</b>
PSY 590	Research Seminar

In addition to the above course requirements, students are expected to:

- achieve a grade of B or better in all Core Counseling Requirements.
- demonstrate effective professional behavior, including effective interpersonal skills, sound judgment and ethical behavior.
- complete workshop on Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse Maltreatment, or the equivalent (offered through The Sage Education Department as NCR 070).

**The Professional Connection**

Sage Graduate School offers distinctive advanced degree programs that address a spectrum of human concerns and reflect a sensitivity and responsiveness to the local community and the broader society. At Sage Graduate School, the emphasis is on applying research and theory to practical, professional situations. Sage's diverse and talented faculty are practitioners themselves, and are committed to helping students acquire the professional skills and the connections to manage and change the workplaces of tomorrow.

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