# Master of Arts in COUNSELING



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### Master of Arts in Counseling ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Stockton University's Master of Arts in Counseling program is designed to educate students about best practices in mental health and human services and train students in the skills necessary to work with clients in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, social service agencies, residential treatment centers, community mental health centers, and other organizations. Our program prepares individuals to provide evaluations, referrals, and counseling services to help people prevent or remediate personal problems, conflicts, and emotional crises.

Graduates of the program will be qualified to take the National Counselor Exam (NCE), which is administered by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC). Passing the NCE exam qualifies graduates as a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC).

Graduates who have passed the NCE will also be qualified to apply for licensure in the State of New Jersey as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) after an additional 4,500 hours of supervised experience. This license allows them to work as counselors in non-profit organizations, for profit organizations, or in private practice in New Jersey.

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### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Prospective students apply through the Graduate Admissions Office. Applicants must complete all program prerequisites and have a baccalaureate degree prior to starting the program. Applications are screened by the Program Admissions Committee. A complete application file requires the following:

#### Prerequisite Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
- Incoming students must have prerequisite skills and knowledge in statistics and experimental psychology as well as at least one course in either child development or personality psychology. These prerequisite requirements can be met by courses taken at the undergraduate or graduate level with earned grades of B or better.

#### Admissions Requirements

- 1. Discover Stockton Online Application.
- 2. Application fee: \$50 (non-refundable), submitted with your online application.
- 3. Graduate application essay.
- 4. Three letters of recommendation sent electronically via the Discover Stockton Application.
- 5. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores sent electronically to school code: 2889.
  - Scores must have been taken within the last 10 years and are waived for master's degree holders.
- 6. Resume.
- 7. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended (including Stockton) e-mailed by the institution, mailed or dropped off directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions.
- 8. Applicants may be invited to a group interview.

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The cumulative undergraduate GPA includes all of an applicant's college or university historical coursework drawn from all institutional transcripts on record. Once all transcripts are entered into the application, your cumulative GPA is calculated.

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