

# **MA Couns** **Master of Arts in Counseling**

Under Review | Fall 2025


# Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

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Submitted for Approval | Proposer

✓ Ashley Martin-Cuellar | 9/17/2024 12:11 PM

**Department Chair Approval, Individual, Family, & Community Education**

Approved | Department Chair

✓ Trenia Walker | 9/17/2024 12:16 PM

**Registrar Technical Check Approval, Registrar Technical Check**

Approved | Registrar Technical Check

— Michael Raine

✓ Maggie Sumruld | 9/18/2024 8:25 AM

**COEHS Admin step**

Approved

✓ Kieva Tedesco

Please approve the catalog edits to move forward. KT.  
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**College/School Approval, College of Education & Human Sciences**

Approved | College or School approver

✓ Jay Parkes | 10/01/2024 10:01 AM

**Library Approval, Main Campus Library**

Approved | Library Approval

✓ Sever Bordeianu | 10/02/2024 10:28 AM

**SGPC Approval, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee**

Approved | Chair

✓ Robben Brown | 11/22/2024 1:05 PM

**FSCC Member notification, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee**

Notification Sent | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Member

- ☒ Antoinette Abeyta
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- ☒ Randi Archuleta
- ☒ Laura Belmonte
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- ☒ Nicole Capehart
- ☒ Isabella Goss
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- ☒ Megan Jacobs

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**Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Approval**

Sent Back

← Janet Vassilev

Sending back so that the form can be pushed forward so that Nicole will have access.

12/06/2024 12:15 PM

**Registrar Technical Check Approval**

Skipped

→ Maggie Sumruld

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**Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Approval, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee**

Approved | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair

- Janet Vassilev
- ✓ Nicole Capehart

FSCC voted to approve

3/31/2025 9:58 PM

**Provost Approval, Main Campus Provost**

Approved | Provost

- ✓ Pamela Cheek | 4/15/2025 1:37 PM

**Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate**

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

Nancy Middlebrook  
Theresa Sherman

**External Review - HED CIP code approval, External Review**

Approval | HED CIP code approval

Michael Raine  
Anna Gay

**Reg. Final Approval/Processing, Registrar**

Approval | Registrar final approval

Michael Raine  
Maggie Sumruld

**Notification, Proposer**

Notification | Proposer

Ashley Martin-Cuellar

**Notification, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee**

Notification | Chair

Robben Brown

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Notification | EMRT user

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**Changes**

- Professional Accrediting Bodies
- Emphasis required
- Admissions Requirements
- Requirements
- Emphasis Rules

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## Proposal Information

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Proposed

**Sponsoring faculty/staff member**

Ashley Martin-Cuellar

Proposed

**Sponsoring faculty/staff email**

acuellar@unm.edu

Existing

**Sponsoring faculty/staff member**

Gene Crofts

Existing

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**College**

College of Education & Human Sciences

**Department**

Individual, Family, & Community Education

**Campus**

Main Campus

## Effective Term and Year

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Proposed

**Proposed Effective Term and Year**

Fall 2025

Existing

**Proposed Effective Term and Year**

Fall 2023

## Justification

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Proposed

**Program Justification**

I would like to correct "emphasis" and move into the section for "Area of Focus". When this program was converted to Kualii, the area of focus was put in as an emphasis. This area of focus does not meet the UNM curricular definition of an emphasis (as per UNM curriculum terminology glossary, 2004). The area of focus is the approved curriculum for this program. We added in headers in the curriculum to further define: "core courses," "clinical courses" "counseling required courses," "required non-counseling courses," and the "area of focus" We moved COUN 581 to "counseling required courses" since it was an already required course in the program. The result is that the area of focus dropped to 6 credit hours from the 9 credit hours. We did not change the overall hours, just moved it to the required course list.

Existing

**Program Justification**

This is a catalog text edit only. No curriculum changes.

**Graduate program revision**

No

## Program Category and Level

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**Program Category**

Program

**Program Level**

Graduate

**Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name**

Master of Arts in Counseling

**Degree Type**

Master of Arts

**Degree/Certificate Level**

Graduate

**Plan Options**

Plan II (Non-thesis)

Proposed

Is this program also offered online?

No

Existing

Is this program also offered online?

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## Associated Forms

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Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

## Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

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Interdepartmental Program

No

## Catalog Information

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### Program Description

The Master of Arts (M.A.) in Counseling is offered under Plan II (non-thesis) as described in the Graduate Program section of this Catalog. The program includes areas of focus in either Clinical Mental Health Counseling or School Counseling.

Proposed

#### Admissions Requirements

Admission Admission to the M.A. program is based on ratings of several factors including scholarship, academic background (especially in behavioral science), work experience, volunteer experience, letters of recommendation, and a personal statement including multicultural experience. Admission is competitive, with more applicants than it is possible to admit. After the initial screening process, selected applicants are invited to interview with the faculty. Based on the results of both the initial screening and the interview, faculty selects candidates for admission to the program. Admission to the M.A. program in no way guarantees traverse, practicum, and/or internship placement; licensure; or employment. Additionally, fingerprinting and background checks may be required. For current application deadlines, refer to the Counselor Education Website

Existing

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### Graduation Requirements

## Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

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Proposed

**License/Certification associated with program**

Yes

Existing

**License/Certification associated with program**

No

Proposed

**Licensure Information**

Post-licensure

Existing  
**Licensure Information**

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Proposed  
**Licensure requirements met in the following states:**  
New Mexico

Existing  
**Licensure requirements met in the following states:**

**Licensure requirements not met in the following states:**

**Licensure requirements undetermined in the following states:**

Proposed  
**For each state selected, is there a state or regional licensing board that oversees Professional Licensure?**  
Yes

Existing  
**For each state selected, is there a state or regional licensing board that oversees Professional Licensure?**  
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Proposed  
**State or Regional Licensure Information**  
Counseling and Therapy Practice Board  
<https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/counseling-and-therapy-practice/>

Existing  
**State or Regional Licensure Information**

Proposed  
**National licensing board**  
Yes

Existing  
**National licensing board**  
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Proposed  
**National Board Information**  
National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc.  
National Certified Counselor (NCC)  
<https://www.nbcc.org/certification/ncc>

Existing  
**National Board Information**

## Degree Information

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**Degree Hours**  
60

**Minimum Major Hours**

Proposed  
**Professional Accrediting Bodies**  
Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

Existing

### Professional Accrediting Bodies

Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

## Degree Requirements

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### Requirements

Fetching rules...

## Concentrations

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### Program Concentrations

Code

Title

### Concentration Required

No

## Emphases

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Proposed

Emphasis Hours

Emphasis required

No

Existing

Emphasis required

Yes

### Emphasis Rules

- Complete 4 **all** of the following

#### **Clinical Mental Health**

- Complete the following:

- COUN521—Clinical Mental Health Counseling- (3)
- COUN560—Family Counseling- (3)
- COUN581—Sexuality in Counseling and Psychotherapy- (3)

#### **School Counseling**

- Complete the following:

- COUN541—Counseling Children and Adolescents- (3)
- COUN581—Sexuality in Counseling and Psychotherapy- (3)

- ~~COUN545—School Counseling (3)~~

- Complete all of the following

## Program Learning Outcomes

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Proposed

### **Learning Outcomes**

Students will meet the requirements for NM state licensure as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC).

Students will learn theories of counseling to support licensed counselors in their professional practice of counseling.

Students will learn professional ethics necessary to providing ethical and competent treatment to clients as a licensed counselor.

Existing

### **Learning Outcomes**

To be provided.