

Counseling Department Programs

For Incoming Students & Applicants for Academic Year 2024-2025



- **Master of Arts in Counseling**
 - * General
 - * School Counseling
 - * Marriage and Family Therapy/Professional Clinical Counseling (MFT/PCC)
- **Education Specialist (EdS) in School Psychology**
- **Pupil Personnel Services Credential Only - School Counseling**
- **Trauma Informed Intervention Certificate**

The Counseling Department Programs at Saint Mary's College of California are designed for people who wish to work in K-12 schools, colleges, family services agencies, private practice, or a variety of other counseling settings. Candidates can choose a Master of Arts degree in Counseling with a specialization in General Counseling; School Counseling (PPS-SC); or Marriage and Family Therapy/Professional Clinical Counseling (MFT/PCC). Candidates can choose an EdS in School Psychology. Students may complete more than one specialization by taking additional courses and can add the Trauma Cert to any one of the programs.

The Master of Arts degree in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling or the Education Specialist degree in School Psychology will fulfill the requirements for the California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential with a specialization in School Counseling or School Psychology.

The Master of Arts degree in Counseling with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy/Professional Clinical Counseling (MFT/PCC) provides the educational requirements necessary to pursue a MFT and/or PCC associateship upon graduation and, after completing the required post-MA clinical experience, to apply for California's Board of Behavioral Science MFT license and/or PCC license. The MFT/PCC track meets the requirements of Business and Professions Code sections 4980.36/4980.37 and 4999.33. The CSS/PCC provides the educational requirements necessary to pursue a PCC associateship upon graduation and, after completing the post-MA clinical experience, to apply for California's Board of Behavioral Science PCC license. The CSS/PCC track meets the requirements of Business and Professions Code section 4999.33.

We offer cohort plans of study that vary in length for each specialization so that students may choose the plan that best suits their needs. On average the plans of study range from 2 – 4 years in length. The shortest plan of study for the EdS in School Psychology is 3 years. Dual specialization plans of study are also available, for those interested in more than one specialization.

Classes are scheduled once a week during the fall and spring semesters, and up to three times a week during January and summer terms. Classes meet after 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and on some Saturdays. No classes are held on Fridays or Sundays.

Tuition and Financial Aid Tuition is found on our website: <https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/kalmanovitz-school-of-education/tuition-and-fees-0>. Students are invited to explore a variety of financial aid opportunities. Financial aid information, including [scholarships offered by the Kalmanovitz School of Education \(KSOE\)](#), is available through the KSOE front office. For loan information and applications, contact the Financial Aid Office at 925-631-4370 or go to: <https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/financial-aid/graduate/how-to-apply>

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Courses of Study: MA in Counseling	
Required Core Courses (40 Units)	Units
COUN 600 Introduction to Counseling Research	1
COUN 603 Personal and Professional Development of Counselors	3
COUN 604 Theories of Counseling	3
COUN 610 Career Counseling	3
COUN 611 Law, Ethics, and Values	3
COUN 612 Human Sexuality	1
COUN 613 Alcohol & Substance Abuse	2
COUN 620 Psychological Testing and Assessment	3
COUN 621 Human Development and Family Relationships	3
COUN 601 Counseling Skills I	3
COUN 602 Counseling Skills II	3
COUN 605 Issues in Intercultural Counseling & Social Justice	3
COUN 622 Group Theory and Practice	3
EDUC 772 Research Seminar I	3
COUN 779 Counseling Master's Project, Thesis, or Exam	3
Total Core Units	40
General	
	Units
Core Courses (listed above)	40
COUN 713 Psychological Perspectives of Gender	2
COUN 791 Counseling Field Experience	6
Minimum Total Units	48
Marriage and Family Therapy/PCC	
	Units
Core Courses (listed above)	40
COUN 701 Psychopathology	3
COUN 711 Theory and Practice of Counseling Couples	2
COUN 721 Family Systems Theories and Applications	3
COUN 731 Treatment of Children	3
COUN 741 Advanced Clinical Practice	3
COUN 751 Community Mental Health & Trauma Interventions	3
COUN 790 Addictions, Co-Occurring Disorders, & Recovery-Oriented Treatment	1
COUN 771 Psychopharmacology	3
COUN 781 Counseling Older Adults & Their Families	1
COUN 791 Counseling Field Experience	6
Minimum Total Units	68

School Counseling	Units
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Core Courses (listed above)	40
COUN 703 School Counseling Practicum & Action Research	3
COUN 713 Psychological Perspectives of Gender	2
COUN 731 Treatment of Children	3
COUN 723 School Counseling: Issues and Interventions	3
COUN 733 Systems Consultation	3
COUN 793 Counseling Field Experience	6
Minimum Total Units	60

Course of Study: EdS in School Psychology	Units
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COUN 600 Introduction to Counseling Research	1
COUN 601 Counseling Skills I	3
COUN 602 Counseling Skills II	3
COUN 603 Personal and Professional Development of Counselors	3
COUN 604 Theories of Counseling	3
COUN 605 Issues in Intercultural Counseling & Social Justice	3
COUN 611 Law, Ethics, and Values	3
COUN 731 Treatment of Children	3
SPSY 623 Learning, Development & Cognition in the Social Context	3
SPSY 624 SP Introduction to Psychological Assessment	3
SPSY 625 SP Neuro-Cognitive Assessment	3
SPSY 702 Instructional Strategies & Academic Interventions	2
SPSY 772 SP Practicum/Seminar	1
SPSY 722 School, Family & Community Engagement	3
SPSY 732 SP Assessment of Social & Emotional Functioning	3
SPSY 782 SP Fieldwork Seminar & Supervision I & II	6
SPSY 712 Systems Consultation	3
SPSY 742 SP Child/Adolescent Psychopathology	3
SPSY 762 Research Methods & Program Evaluation	3
SPSY 752 Behavioral Strategies & Interventions	3
SPSY 792 SP Internship I & II	6
SPSY 798 Portfolio Defense I & II	6
Minimum Total Units	70