

MA in Counseling FAQs

What makes EMU Master of Arts in Counseling different?

Our program believes strongly in the combination of meeting the highest standards, functioning based on ethical principles and the formation of counselor skills regardless of the setting. What makes us different is the balance in focus between your graduate courses and a strong emphasis on who you are as a counselor.

What is the difference between a MSW and MA?

An MA is a Master of Arts degree focused on counseling which is usually in preparation to become a licensed school or agency counselor. An MSW is a Masters degree in Social Work usually which is usually in preparation for becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Course work varies and client population varies.

Can I begin the program in the spring semester?

Because of the sequential nature of the course our program, is designed to begin in the fall only.

Am I too old?

Our students vary in age from recent college graduates to retirees who are pursuing a second career!

Can I commute?

Some students travel from their homes in neighboring cities and counties and West Virginia. Students who live 2+ hours away from campus find local lodging for one or two nights/week.

Are there on-line (distance learning) courses?

At this time there are no on line courses.

Do I have to be a Mennonite (Christian)?

No – while our program does emphasize the balance of counseling and spirituality, many people from a variety of faith backgrounds and experiences.

Can I still keep my job?

Many people continue to work while in graduate school. The program can be completed in two years if you attend full time. If you choose to keep a full time job, you may want to consider stretching your program out to 3-4 years.

When should I apply, what are the requirements?

Applications are accepted at any time during the year until spring semester at which time the admissions committee conducts interviews and makes admissions decision. For application information see <http://www.emu.edu/graduatecounseling/admissions.html>. The deadline for each school year is February 1.

What is the job market like?

We have a 100 % rate of hire from our graduates who pursue counseling positions.

How much does this program cost?

The current cost is \$550 per semester hour.