

Messiah College: Master of Arts in Counseling

Admissions Requirements/Checklist

Requirement	Date Submitted/ Requested
Bachelor's or master's degree from an institution that is regionally accredited by one of the following: Middle States, New England, North Central, Northwest, Western and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Students with a degree from an institution outside of the United States should go to the international students page for further information.	
Completed application	
\$30 application fee (waived for Messiah College graduates).	
Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0	
Official transcripts indicating the degree earned. (Graduate programs will secure Messiah College transcripts for all Messiah College graduates who sign the release included in the application. Applicants are responsible for securing non-Messiah transcripts.) Other official transcripts are required if the student intends to transfer courses to meet degree requirements or upon the request of the program director.	
Personal Statement of Purpose: Your 300-500 word statement should describe your preparations for graduate work, your reasons for applying for this particular graduate program at Messiah College and how this graduate program will help you meet your professional and educational goals.	
Two recommendations (addressing your professional experience and/or academic performance , excluding relatives). Applicants can invite references to complete an online recommendation form here .	
Resumé or Curriculum Vita	
<p>Counseling Program Admissions Essay Questions</p> <p>Describe your strengths and challenges in each of the four areas below. Address how you intend to strengthen areas that may be a challenge for you (150 words for each of the four essays).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Interpersonal and Professional Competence (how you relate to peers, faculty, professionals, the public, and individuals from diverse backgrounds or histories), as well as how you resolve problems or issues that interfere with professional development or function in a satisfactory manner (e.g. by responding constructively to feedback from supervisors or program faculty; by participating in personal therapy in order to resolve problems or issues). Self-awareness, Self-reflection, and Self-evaluation (e.g., knowledge of the content and potential impact of your own beliefs and values on peers, faculty, professionals, the public, and individuals from diverse backgrounds or histories), as well as an openness to the process of supervision (e.g., the ability and willingness to explore issues that either interfere with the appropriate provision of care or impede professional development or functioning). Written and Oral Communication (e.g., clearly articulating ideas, thoughts, and concepts at a professional level appropriate to the discipline), as well as knowledge and use of APA style format. Quality of Work (e.g., timely completion of all work at a satisfactory level, working collaboratively and cooperatively with others, and actively participating in discussion boards, synchronous experiences, and other class-related activities) as well as obtaining knowledge and understanding of content and applicability and application of skills. 	
Successful completion of nine (9) credits of behavioral science courses (e.g. psychology, human development & family science, sociology, anthropology, early childhood studies, social work). Click here for pre-req form.	
A live interview (in person or through Skype) will be scheduled for applicants whose written application materials meet the criteria established by the Admissions Committee of the Counseling Program. Please bear in mind that we have more applicants than we have spots in the program, so not all applicants will be invited for an interview.	

All Materials should be submitted to: GradPrograms@messiah.edu

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