

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS  
*Department of Psychology & Counseling*

**Steps in Pursuing a M.S. Degree in Community Counseling**

I. **Complete TWO applications**

**Application #1** – Apply for admission to the UCA Graduate School (501.450.3124) or [http://www.uca.edu/graduateschool/admission\\_process/](http://www.uca.edu/graduateschool/admission_process/)). The Graduate School Office must receive applications to the graduate school at least 30 days prior to the department's application deadline (see next item).

**Application #2** – Apply for admission to the M.S. Program in Community Counseling (501.450.3193 or [www.uca.edu/psychology/](http://www.uca.edu/psychology/)). There are two application deadlines: March 15th and July 15th of each year for fall admission. The Community Counseling Program Committee will review the completed application and will inform students of their admission status in writing.

Completed applications include the following:

- A. Completed application form (application form must be typed) and typed essay on professional goals and plans.
- B. Completed prerequisite courses: General Psychology, Psychological Statistics, Abnormal Psychology, and Personality Theories.
- C. Graduate Record Examination scores (General section).
- D. Transcripts of all completed course work.
- E. Three (3) letters of recommendation from persons who could comment on your professional and academic potential, and any other support data that candidate wishes to submit.

The Community Counseling Admissions Committee will meet and evaluate the application taking into consideration academic aptitude, writing skills, interpersonal skills, and career objectives. If satisfactory, the student would be admitted and allowed to take graduate courses

II. **Petition for Candidacy**

Psychology 6398, Legal & Ethical Issues in Psychology and Counseling, must be satisfactorily completed. You may apply for admission to candidacy at the end of the semester in which the total number of graduate hours reaches eighteen (18). Petition for candidacy must be made no later than the end of the semester in which the accumulated total graduate hours reaches thirty (30).

III. **Comprehensive Examination**

Fall testing - Second Tuesday in November for students who plan to intern in the spring.  
Spring testing - First Tuesday in April for students who plan to intern in the fall.

IV. **Graduation**

File an application for graduation. Check Graduate Bulletin for deadline each semester. It is the graduate students' responsibility to comply with all above regulations.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT - DR. DONG XIE.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO COMMUNITY COUNSELING  
(Please Type)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

3. Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Work)

4. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

5. When would you like to begin the program? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Where did you receive your undergraduate degree? Graduate degree if applicable?  
DEGREE                      MAJOR                      INSTITUTION                      DATE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Graduate Record Examinations Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_

8. Request three (3) letters of recommendation from former professors or individuals otherwise qualified to comment on your professional and academic potential.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

9. On a separate sheet, please prepare a **typed** essay (approximately 500 words) of your professional plans (career and/or further graduate studies).

10. Send application materials to Chairperson, Community Counseling Program, University of Central Arkansas, 201 Donaghey Ave., UCA Box 4915, Conway, Arkansas 72035-0001.

Materials must be received by **March 15<sup>th</sup> for summer and fall admission and July 15<sup>th</sup> for fall admission.** Incomplete folders will **NOT** be reviewed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS  
COMMUNITY COUNSELING PLAN OF STUDY AND CHECKSHEET**

The Community Counseling Program consists of 60 semester hours of course work including one semester of a full time internship in an approved facility. Not all courses are offered every semester and the plan must coincide with dates specified in the UCA Bulletin.

Prerequisites to Admission (12 hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ General Psychology      \_\_\_\_\_ Theories of Personality      \_\_\_\_\_ Psychological Statistics  
\_\_\_\_\_ Abnormal Psychology

Required Courses

Required Coursework (48 hours)

_____ P6398 Legal & Ethical Issues	_____ P6356 Group Psychotherapy & Coun.
_____ C6334 Analysis of Individual	_____ C6360 Research Methods
_____ C6342 Career Ed. & Voc. Develop.	_____ C6381 Practicum in Counseling I
_____ C6350 Counseling Process & Skills	_____ C6382 Practicum in Counseling II
_____ P6354 Theories of Psychotherapy & Coun	_____ C6341/C6642 Internship
_____ P6355 Multicultural Issues	_____ P6370 Developmental Psyc.
_____ P6314 Psychopathology	_____ P6372 Psychopharmacology
_____ P6325 Diagnosis & Treatment of Addictions	
_____ P6393 Marital & Family Therapy	

Electives (12 hours) Choose 4 of the following

\_\_\_\_\_ P6363 Adv. Social Psychology  
\_\_\_\_\_ P6330 Adv. Psychological Statistics  
\_\_\_\_\_ P6315 Applied Behavior Analysis  
\_\_\_\_\_ P6379 Personality Assessment  
\_\_\_\_\_ P6316 Child Psychopathology  
\_\_\_\_\_ P6335 Identification and Remediation of Learning Problems  
\_\_\_\_\_ P6361 Problems in Psychology  
\_\_\_\_\_ P7312 Learning and Cognition  
\_\_\_\_\_ P7325 Physiological Psychology

Important Dates:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date admitted to the program  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date admitted to candidacy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date Comprehensive Exam passed  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date of graduation

**Community Counseling**  
Course Sequence

**You must follow this sequence in order to get the courses you need, when you need them. Prerequisites are in bold and must be completed before taking a course.**

**FALL (1)                      12 hours**

P6398 Legal & Ethical Issues (**must be taken your first semester**)  
P6354 Theories of Psychotherapy (**must be taken your first semester**)  
C6334 Analysis of Individual  
C6342 Career Education

**SPRING (1)                      12 hours**

P6356 Group Psychotherapy (**P6354**)  
C6350 Counseling Process & Skills (**P6354**)  
P6314 Psychopathology (**undergrad Abnormal**)  
C6360 Research Methods

**SUMMER (1)                      6 hours**

P6370 Advanced Developmental  
Elective I

**FALL (2)                      12 hours**

P6355 Multicultural Issues  
C6381 Practicum I (**P6354, P6398, P6356, C6350, and P6314**)  
P6325 Diagnosis & Treatment of Addictions  
P6393 Marital & Family Therapy

**SPRING (2)                      9 hours**

C6382 Practicum II (**C6382**)  
Elective II  
Elective III

COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

**SUMMER (2)                      6 hours**

Elective IV  
P6372 Psychopharmacology

**FALL (3)                      3 hours**

C6341 Internship (3 hours) or C6642 (6 hours)

**Total = 60 hours**

**THE STUDENT IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER PROGRAM OF STUDY**