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The Community Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling concentrations apply psychological and educational concepts and techniques to benefit individuals, families, and communities. These programs are geared for academically and personally qualified students who evidence the capability and motivation to succeed in the helping professions. The programs are national in scope and students from throughout the USA and Canada as well as overseas have been matriculates.

The Community Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling concentrations have somewhat different purposes and sets of requirements. Applicants generally apply to and are accepted into the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. Depending on their career objectives, a few may subsequently select the Community Counseling program. Throughout this handbook, the two concentrations will be referred to collectively as the counseling programs (or simply the programs), except when references to a specific program are appropriate.

The Counseling programs are designed to provide advanced education and professional training in: human development, biological and learned bases of behavior, social and cultural foundations of counseling, counseling theory and practice, group processes, lifestyle and career development, appraisal, research and program evaluation, professional roles and ethics, mental health counseling foundations, contextual dimensions of counseling, and practical/clinical skills for counseling. Students declare their specific concentration when completing the candidacy form early in their academic career. The concentration in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is particularly appropriate for persons who plan to seek licensure in Indiana (or states with similar statutes) as a clinical mental health counselor. In fact, professional licensure in Indiana and many other states exists only at this 60-credit level. The concentration in Community Counseling may be particularly appropriate for persons who intend to pursue doctoral work in counseling or psychology, those who plan to work in a community setting but do not plan to pursue licensure, and international students who may not require a 60-hour degree to practice in their home countries.

The joint programs in law and psychology or counseling intend to train individuals working in legal fields with appropriate knowledge and skills related to mental health work. The JD/CMHC program also offers the possibility of seeking licensure as a Clinical Mental Health Counselor.

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