

The Hugh Wynter Fertility Management Unit MSc Counselling Programme

Entry Requirements

Applicants should have a good honours first degree in Counselling or in related fields in Health, Education, Social Work, Psychology or Pastoral Counselling/Theology from an institution acceptable to the University of the West Indies for this purpose. Applicants should also have at least three years' work experience. All applicants must possess an **advanced level of ability to work in English**. Entrance is competitive so only the most qualified persons will be accepted.

Duration

Either A: Three Years part-time for those with a first degree and at least a B grade in the prerequisite courses;

Or B: Four years part-time for those who have a first degree but who do not have at least a B grade in the prerequisite courses

Persons who do not have the pre-requisite courses will have to spend an additional year qualifying for entry. Prerequisite courses will be offered by the Hugh Wynter Fertility Management Unit, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UWI, Mona.

Those applicants with a first degree will be exempt from the prerequisite courses if they obtained at least a B grade in each of the following prerequisite courses during their undergraduate degree:

Introduction to Individual Counselling; Introduction to Group Counselling; Developmental Psychology, and Abnormal Psychology.

Programme Structure/Course of Study

Students will access learning materials online. These will consist of a student's manual, an assignment booklet and a weekly podcast which will take the form of a narrated PowerPoint presentation on each week's unit. Video cassettes and supplementary reading material are available at each site. **Students will need to purchase their textbooks themselves.**

The programme will be taught face-to-face two evenings per week on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. local time at each site and will require an additional four (4) hours per week for the practicum throughout the entire period of the programme. During these times, students will go to the Open Campus (formerly called the University of the West Indies Distance Education Centres or UWIDEC) sites for face-to-face classes at the sites. They will also participate in individual and group counselling laboratory sessions with their local tutor. Each site with at least six students also has an on-

going therapy group in which students practise how to conduct group therapy using the theoretical approaches taught throughout the programme.

Students will also obtain supervised practical experiences in counselling at placement centres in the community throughout the week for **four hours** per week. These four hours will be on a day or on several days other than Thursdays. Students are also required to receive therapy from a counsellor/psychiatrist for a minimum of 15 hours per year. Coursework will be evaluated by tutors at the centre and at the University of the West Indies.

A minimum number of six students is required at each site.

Please note that the Hugh Wynter Fertility Management Unit reserves the right to not offer the programme to sites with fewer than six students because of the need to have a therapy group at each site.

List of Courses:

The M.Sc. Counselling Programme's Credit System

Pre-Qualifying Programme (2016- 2017)

COUN 6000	Introduction to Individual Counselling
COUN 6001	Developmental Psychology
COUN 6002	Introduction to Group Counselling
COUN 6003	Abnormal Psychology

Year 1: Qualifying Programme

Year 1 Semester I

COUN 6110	Person -Centred Counselling	3 credits
COUN 6113	Professional Issues Part I: Ethical and Legal Issues	3 credits
COUN 6114	Practicum 1-	3 credits
	Sub-total	9 credits

Year I - Semester II

COUN 6111	Existential Counselling with Individuals	3 credits
COUN 6116	Research .Methods II: Quantitative Methods	3 credits
COUN 6115	Practicum 2	3 credits
	Subtotal	9 credits

First Summer School

COUN 6112	Group Counselling: Personal Growth Groups	3 credits
COUN 6208	Vocational Counselling	3 credits
	Sexuality Workshop	0 credits
	Sub-total	6 credits
	Total for year 1	24 credits

Year II - Semester I

COUN 6201	Cognitive- Behavioural Counselling with Individuals Part 1	3 credits
COUN 6117	Research Methods II: Qualitative Methods	3 credits
COUN 6203	Practicum 3	3 credits
	Sub-total	9 credits

Year II Semester II

COUN 6206	Cognitive - Behavioural Counselling with Individuals Part II	3 credits
COUN 6205	Family Therapy	3 credits
COUN 6207	Practicum 4	3 credits
	Subtotal	9 credits

Second Summer School

COUN 6202	Cognitive-Behavioural Group Counselling	3 credits
COUN 6209	Professional Issues Part II: Developing Counselling Programmes	3 credits
	Conflict Resolution and Mediation workshop	0 credits
	Sub-total	6 credits
	Total for Year 2	24 credits

Year III Semester 1

COUN6301	Research Project Tutorials and Submission of the Research Project	3 credits
COUN 6300	Practicum 5	2 ½ credits

Those who missed the first summer school will do the following at each site:

COUN 6112	Group Counselling: Personal Growth Groups	3 credits
COUN 6208	Vocational Counselling	3 credits

Year III Semester 2

COUN6301	Research Project Tutorials and Submission of the Research Project	3 credits
COUN 6302	Practicum 6	2 ½ credits
	Subtotal for year 3	11 credits

Total Credits for the taught courses: 59 credits

Those who missed the second summer school will do the following at each site:

COUN 6202	Cognitive-Behavioural Group Counselling	3 credits
COUN 6209	Professional Issues Part II: Developing Counselling Programmes	3 credits
	Grand Total	59 credits

TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS

The Theoretical Component of the programme *	42 credits
The Practica**	250 hours or 17 credits
TOTAL	72 credits