New England College

School of Graduate and Professional Studies

Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling (60 credits)

Master of Science in Human Services (36 credits)

The School of Graduate and Professional Studies removes obstacles to educational advancement and opens new pathways for those seeking professional development and personal enrichment. We are New England's leader in quality graduate programs offered through alternative delivery models.

The Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling program is a rigorous and challenging course of study. The curriculum meets the educational requirements for licensure in NH for licensed mental health counselor. (Additional supervised hours of post-master's practice is also required, as outlined in the Board of Mental Health Practice standards.) The core courses noted below are required of all MS in Mental Health Counseling students.

The Master of Science in Human Services is our non-licensure degree option, for those who have a professional degree as a goal but are not planning to become a licensed mental health counselor. Courses noted with an * are not required of M.S. in Human Services students.

"After 20 years in a different career, I decided to obtain my graduate degree in mental health counseling from New England College. The administrative staff at NEC was professional and courteous, and made going back to school after such a long break extremely easy. However in my opinion the best thing about the graduate program are the adjunct professors. Having professors who work in the field and are able to provide real life experiences and examples really helped round out my learning experience. I would recommend New England College's graduate program to anyone!"
—Patricia Fillio, student in M.S. in Master of Science in Human Services program

"The Master of Science in Human Services at NEC has done a great job preparing me for a leadership role in the social services and has complemented my undergraduate degree in Business/Health Care administration extremely well. I am excited and confidant to enter the workforce with the experience and education I received while enrolled in this graduate program." —Michael Hadley, student in M.S. in Master of Science in Human Services program

Program Information

The MS in Mental Health Counseling & Human Services degree programs at New England College are framed within an educator-practitioner model. All of our faculty members are actively engaged within the field, employed as senior clinicians, supervisors, or administrators. This allows them to bring contemporary practice into the classroom, complementing traditional teaching methods. Our classes are lively and challenge and support students in their learning process.

Core Courses (all courses are 3 credits, unless noted)

- Theories of Counseling
- Abnormal Psychology
- Counseling & Psychological Skills *
- Human Growth & Development
- Career Development
- Crisis Intervention
- Legal & Ethical Aspects of Human Service Management
- Group Therapy *
- Family Systems Therapy *
- Program Planning & Evaluation
- Multicultural Issues in Mental Health
- Testing & Assessment
- Internship I (5 credits) *
- Internship II (5 credits) *
- Internship III (5 credits) *
- Substance Abuse & Addiction
- Research Methods (4 credits) *
- Capstone (Human Service students only) (4 credits)
- 2 additional (1) credit electives

Application Requirements

To apply, submit the online NEC Graduate School application (www.nec.edu), a current résumé, a personal essay, official college transcripts, and 2 letters of reference. No GRE scores are required. Applications will be accepted until the cohort is full. Program begins September 2010.

Financial Aid Information

For comprehensive information on financial aid for graduate school, visit **www.nec.edu/graduate-and-professional-studies/graduate-financial-services**

Admission

For more information, contact:
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or

Graduate Admission Office
603.428.2252
graduateadmission@nec.edu

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Student Financial Services

Financial Assistance Application Procedures

In order to be a Federal loan borrower, there are requirements you must complete.

Here is the process:

1. FAFSA

- Must be completed every academic year that you are enrolled and wish to utilize federal aid
- Go to **www.pin.ed.gov** and apply for a Federal PIN, if you do not have one or can't recall what it may be
  - Your PIN is used to E-Sign many school related documents, including your FAFSA—remember your number and keep it safe
- Go to **www.fafsa.ed.gov** and click on the link to complete the FAFSA for the appropriate academic year (NEC school code: 002579):
  - Academic years run from July 1st to June 30th of the following year
  - FAFSAs expire on June 30th
  - Must have FULL LEGAL NAME AND correct social security number
  - Must be E-SIGNED, for FAFSA to be valid and by accepted by NEC
- If the Department of Education selects your Student Aid Report (SAR—Your FAFSA confirmation) you will need the following items:
  - SIGNED Federal Tax Returns and schedules (Tax year used to complete the FAFSA in question)
  - Federal W2s for everyone on the federal tax return
  - "Be Proactive" and verify that your SAR has no further holds that may prevent your funding from releasing to your account
- After you complete and submit a FAFSA it takes at least:
  - 1–3 business days for the Department of Education to process your submission
  - 1–3 weeks for the Department of Education to create a transmission of your information to be sent to the school(s) of your choice, for downloading and to be imported into the school's system

2. NEC Graduate Financial Aid Application

- Can always be located on the Student Financial Services section of the NEC website **www.nec.edu**
  - Click on the Student Financial Services link
  - Then the Applying for Financial Assistance link
  - Then the Application Form & Instructions link
  - Lastly, the Graduate, NEC+ and Online BA Students link, for the year you're attending
- Must be renewed every time the FAFSA is renewed
- Must contain the appropriate signatures to be accepted

3. Award Letters

- Award letters will be created once all necessary preliminary paperwork is received
  - Preliminary paperwork consists of:
    - FAFSA
    - NEC Graduate Financial Aid application
  - If either of these things are missing—we cannot produce an award
- Once the award is completed, a letter explaining the award, will be mailed out
- Students may always view their awards immediately, online via their MyNec account
  - Once you have your official six digit NEC PIN, you may log into your MyNEC account anytime at: **https://mynec.nec.edu/pls/proddad/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin**

4. Entrance Loan Counseling

- **https://studentloans.gov**
  - Print your confirmation page for your records, once you complete your counseling

5. Federal Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)

- A Federal Stafford Loan is *different* from the Graduate "PLUS" loan, which has a HIGHER interest rate than Unsubsidized loans. Don't make a mistake and apply for the PLUS loan in haste! It will only delay your funding.
- You will need your FAFSA PIN number to complete your Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- Plan on approximately 30 minutes to complete your Master Promissory Note (MPN) at **https://studentloans.gov**
- It is a FEDERAL requirement that we wait until after your add/drop period to begin the process of requesting your funds.
- After the certification process and after your add/drop period, it will take (approximately) 30 minutes for the loan to disburse to your student account.

6. Exit Loan Counseling

- Federal loan borrowers are required to complete Exit Loan Counseling when they have a break in enrollment or separation (ex. Graduate from program) from their institution.
- **https://studentloans.gov**
- Print the confirmation for your records