

# Master of Divinity Professional Counseling

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) in Professional Counseling is a professional-level degree program for individuals planning to enter or continue careers in full-time ministry. A major element of this program provides students with extensive studies in the biblical text and thorough preparation in theology and various areas of practical ministry. Another major element provides students with a foundation for psychology theory, scientific research, and clinical practice. In this context, students learn the different approaches and clinical techniques required for today's practitioners offering therapeutic services to individuals and groups. Also, a major goal of this program is to help prepare students for licensure in Professional Counseling in their resident state. Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) will be able to provide counseling to individuals and groups through their ministry.



## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### Required Non-Counseling Courses

	Sem. Hrs.
FD 6312 Hermeneutics	3
FD 7323 Synthesis of Theological Curriculum II (Comprehensive Exam)	3
LD 6362 Spiritual Leadership	3
NT 6301 Critical Introduction to the New Testament	3
OT 6301 Critical Introduction to the Old Testament	3
PS 6302 Homiletics	3
<b>Total Required Non-Counseling Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

### Required Professional Counseling (PC) Courses

FT 7306 Community and Social Systems	3
FT 7310 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy	3
FT 7320 Human Development	3
FT 7321 Human Sexual Development	3
FT 7322 Theories of Personality Development	3
FT 7323 Marriage and Family Development	3
FT 7326 Social and Multicultural Diversity	3
FT 7331 Marital and Family Systems	3

FT 7332 Counseling for Abusive Relationships -OR- FT 7333 Systemic Treatment of Substance Related Disorders	3
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FT 7335 Advanced Therapy	3
FT 7336 Basic Counseling Techniques/Helping Relationships	3
FT 7337 Group Counseling	3
FT 7340 Assessment of Individuals and Families	3
FT 7355 Psychopathology and Psychopharmacology	3
PT 7300 PC Ethics and Professional Identity	3
PT 7350 Lifestyle and Career Development	3
PT 7370 PC Practicum	3
PT 7371 PC Clinical Training I	3
PT 7372 PC Clinical Training II	3
RS 6339 Research and Evaluation	3
<b>Total Required PC Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

### Elective Non-counseling Courses

Textual Courses	12
Foundation Studies	3
Theological Studies	3

<b>Total Elective Non-counseling Hours</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Required Hours for Degree</b>	<b>96</b>

The Master of Divinity in Professional Counseling may be completed in about three years. A student may take courses on a part-time or full-time basis. Amridge University recognizes that students transferring from other institutions may have earned academic credit that is applicable to their Academic Plan at the University. Students may be eligible to transfer up to 45 semester hours of coursework into the Master of Divinity in Professional Counseling.



### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Application with Fee
- Official transcript showing an earned four year Bachelor of Arts or Science degree from a regionally or selected nationally accredited institution.



### CAREER SERVICES

Amridge's Career Services Portal provides Students and Alumni help with career paths, access to current Job Postings, Internships, Resume services and e-Portfolio development.



### AMRIDGE CONNECT

Enrolled students are given the opportunity to purchase a University-issued iPad to use as a resource for accessing courses while not seated in front of their desktop computer. Download the AU Mobile iOS and Android app!



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