

CAPELLA UNIVERSITY OFFERS ONLINE HIGHER EDUCATION FOR COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS

## Earn your master's degree in a CACREP-accredited counseling program from Capella



Achieve your goal of earning a respected master's degree. Capella University currently offers three master's degree programs in counseling that are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP):

### MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Accredited since 2003

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING/THERAPY<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Accredited since 2005

### SCHOOL COUNSELING<sup>2,3,4</sup>

Accredited since 2009

### CACREP ACCREDITATION SETS A HIGH STANDARD

CACREP is the independent accrediting arm for the American Counseling Association. CACREP accreditation provides recognition that the content and quality of Capella's programs have been evaluated extensively and meet standards set by and for the mental health counseling profession.

State licensing bodies and national certification agencies often recognize that programs accredited by CACREP provide a quality education that prepares graduates for counselor credentialing, which may include national certification, state licensure, or state certification<sup>2,3</sup>.

### WHY CHOOSE CAPELLA?

CACREP accreditation provides a powerful measure of the integrity, credibility, and quality of Capella's counseling curriculum. Not only does this signify the quality of the curriculum, it affirms our faculty's knowledge and experience in the counseling field. Because the accreditation process requires us to continually review and update our programs to ensure their quality, you know you'll be receiving an education that is highly relevant to the counseling field.

Our CACREP-accredited counseling programs are designed to prepare you academically for state licensure eligibility<sup>2,3</sup>. Capella has licensure specialists available to answer questions and provide resources regarding professional licensure.



"Capella's mental health counseling curriculum was a perfect fit for what I wanted to study. The fact that it was CACREP-accredited made a big difference."

**BORIS PISMAN, MS**  
GRADUATE

<sup>1</sup> Graduates of these programs are not eligible for licensure in South Carolina. Learners residing in South Carolina should check with the state licensing agency for specific requirements for professional licensure. <sup>2</sup> Capella University cannot guarantee licensure, certification, or endorsement. State regulations vary regarding professional licensure and salary benefits. It is the learners' responsibility to understand and comply with requirements for their state. Where applicable, teachers are advised to contact their individual school districts as to whether a program may qualify for salary advancement. For more information on licensure, see: [www.capella.edu/licensure.aspx](http://www.capella.edu/licensure.aspx) (Washington state learners are advised to go to: <http://pathway.pesb.wa.gov/outofstate> for more information). <sup>3</sup> New York residents are currently not eligible to enroll in this specialization. <sup>4</sup> This specialization has not been reviewed or approved by Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania residents will have to apply and meet requirement for certification as out-of-state candidates.

## GAIN THE BENEFITS OF EARNING A CACREP-ACCREDITED DEGREE

- Knowledge that the graduate has met prerequisites for credentialing and is ready for entry into professional practice.
- Research shows CACREP graduates perform better on the National Counselor Examination for Licensure Certification (NCE).
- Streamlines the licensure application process.
- Recognition that the program has been evaluated and meets or exceeds national standards.
- The student, as a consumer, can be assured that appropriate knowledge and skill areas are included in the program and that the program is stable, professionally and financially.

### CUSTOM FINANCIAL AID SOLUTIONS

Capella can help you achieve your educational goals with the assistance of federal financial aid, scholarships and grants, non-federal student loans, and more.

### SCHOLAR-PRACTITIONER FACULTY

All faculty in Capella's CACREP-accredited programs have experience as licensed mental health practitioners. In addition, 100 percent of faculty in the Harold Abel School of Social and Behavioral Sciences' Department of Counseling hold doctoral degrees from accredited universities and colleges.

## A CLOSER LOOK AT CAPELLA UNIVERSITY

Capella is an accredited\*, online university where working professionals gain the skills and knowledge to make a bigger difference—in their lives, work, and communities. We serve more than 35,000 students from all 50 states and 59 countries and offer 140 graduate and undergraduate specializations and 17 certificate programs in a variety of fields, including:

- Business management
- Counseling
- Health care
- Higher education
- Human capital management
- Information technology
- P-12 education
- Psychology
- Public administration
- Public safety
- Social work

To learn more about Capella's counseling programs, visit [www.capella.edu/CACREP](http://www.capella.edu/CACREP) or call 1.888.CAPELLA (227.3552).

## WILL YOUR EDUCATION PAY OFF?

### AVERAGE ALUMNI REPORT ON SALARY INCREASES WITHIN 5 YEARS OF GRADUATION\*\*:

**Doctoral** alumni report a 45% increase

**Master's** alumni report a 60% increase

**MBA** alumni report a 55% increase

**Bachelor's** alumni report a 40% increase

\*\*2010 Eduventures survey

Source: CACREP. Visit [www.cacrep.org](http://www.cacrep.org) for more information.

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