

# Counseling and Human Development



Walsh University's Master of Arts in Counseling and Human Development offers students one of the most rewarding and hands-on programs in the area. With specializations in **Clinical Mental Health or School Counseling, both fully CACREP accredited, and our new Student Affairs in Higher Education Counseling specialization**, Walsh's goal is to prepare caring and compassionate counselors to excel in their field. *For more information on classes and career options, please visit [www.walsh.edu/counseling](http://www.walsh.edu/counseling).*

## Clinical Mental Health Counseling

**CACREP accredited**

### Licensure Preparation

Walsh's Clinical Mental Health Counseling specialization offers a focused clinical education with experiential training and strong emphasis on case-oriented learning. A large variety of internships are available to provide a competitive edge in the job market. In Ohio, clinical mental health counselors are independently licensed practitioners, who may assist individuals with specific clinical problems to improve their coping skills and overall functioning.

*60 semester hours are needed to complete this degree.*

## School Counseling

**CACREP accredited**

### Licensure Preparation

The School Counseling specialization will afford you a challenging and rewarding career as a school counselor. School counselors today are called upon to do much more than career "guidance;" they provide individual, group and crisis counseling, develop prevention and intervention programs

for "at risk" students, assist learning disabled students and facilitate connection to community resources for both students and parents.

Ohio law now permits school systems to hire graduates of school counseling programs without requiring a teaching license and/or teaching experience. In response to the demands of our constantly changing multicultural society, there is a steadily growing need for licensed school counselors.

*48 semester hours are needed to complete this degree.*

## Student Affairs in Higher Education

The Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE) specialization integrates counseling theory and practice, student development theories, higher education administration and student services programming with a specialized focus on multicultural affairs and diversity education.

Graduates will be prepared for a wide variety of college personal roles or can go on to pursue a Ph.D. or Ed.D. in higher education. Walsh's (SAHE) program combines a strong counseling core curriculum with student affairs/higher education specialty with a multicultural/diversity focus.

*42 semester hours are needed to complete this degree.*

## Admissions Requirements

1. Complete an application online at [walsh.edu/apply](http://walsh.edu/apply).
2. Applicants with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (must be completed prior to beginning CHD coursework) will be considered for admission to the CHD program. Official transcripts of undergraduate and all other graduate education are required.
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the baccalaureate transcript. Applicants who meet this criterion do not need to submit results from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Applicants with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.99 or less may be considered for conditional admission once they have submitted their results from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) in addition to all required Admissions documents. Individuals who hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university are not required to provide GRE or MAT results.
4. Three letters of recommendation (or Walsh CHD recommendation forms) completed by persons qualified to appraise scholastic aptitude, relevant personal characteristics and professional promise, such as a past instructor, work supervisor or professional working in the counseling/human service field (friends and peers are excluded).
5. A notarized affidavit of good moral conduct (form supplied by the Graduate Admissions office).
6. A current resume submitted to the Graduate Admissions Office
7. On-Campus interview with the Program Director or program faculty members. Out-of-state applicants or international applicants may contact the Program Director for alternate arrangements to meet this requirement.
8. Written English proficiency demonstrated in a writing sample completed on-site. Out-of-state or international applicants may contact the Program Director for alternate arrangements for the writing sample.

Visit [www.walsh.edu/counseling](http://www.walsh.edu/counseling) for more information on applying online or in person.

“This program has been life changing. The faculty are amazing. They are so concerned with who you are and how you develop in the program. Class schedules are livable, they are structured for students that have lives and responsibilities.”



—Aurora Alexander  
Student Affairs in Higher Ed Counseling, CHD



## The Walsh Advantage

Experienced faculty and small classes assure individual attention and encourage active participation.

**Clinical Mental Health** and **School Counseling** specializations are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Relation Educational Programs (CACREP).

Several courses are available in an accelerated 8-week format to give students an opportunity to increase the pace of their degree path.

Walsh features a **high-tech, on-site counseling center** where mental health counseling students see clients from the Northeast Ohio community, gaining critical hands-on learning opportunities while also serving the Walsh mission of service to others.

Students have the opportunity to **gain international experience in Uganda** while earning elective credits.

And, all counseling students are eligible to apply for the **Premier Tuition Discount**.

## Contact Information

Would you like more information about the Walsh Counseling and Human Development program?

Please contact Patty Merrell in the Graduate Office via email at [pmerrell@walsh.edu](mailto:pmerrell@walsh.edu) or 330.490.7586

More information is also available at [www.walsh.edu/Counseling](http://www.walsh.edu/Counseling).



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