A belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all persons and the desire to help others are what drive people to become professional counselors. Students in Human Development Counseling channel their compassion into careers as counselors and as consultants working with diverse populations in a variety of settings.

The Department strives to create an environment that encourages and supports the development of self-awareness and the core attitudes of acceptance, respect, and personal integrity. Graduates gain the ability to empower others and help them face the decisions and concerns of everyday living.

For admission and application requirements, please visit www.uis.edu/HDC/curriculum/requirements/

**Graduate Degree**
- Master of Arts (M.A.) Concentration:
  - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
  - School Counseling
  - Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling

**Career Paths**
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)
- Consultant
- School Counselor
- Personnel Director
- Employee Relations Administrator
- Associate Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (ALMFT)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- Mental Health Administrator
- Career Counselor

**Distinction**
- The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) has accredited Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling concentrations. Graduates are prepared for licensure in the state of Illinois as a Professional Counselor, School Counselor, or Marriage and Family Therapist.

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Master’s Degree

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Clinical experience. All students must complete a supervised practicum of at least 100 clock hours with a minimum of 40 hours of direct service work with clientele appropriate to their program concentration. Students must also complete a supervised internship of at least 600 clock hours including a minimum of 240 hours of direct service work.

Professional competencies. By the time they graduate, our students can expect to demonstrate competencies such as the ability to communicate and interact effectively with others, the ability to conceptualize client concerns and provide appropriate intervention, the ability to participate as a team member, and the ability to understand and maintain ethical behavior standards in the helping professions.

M.A. IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COUNSELING

Complete graduate course requirements (61 credit hours)
   including HDC 587 Professional Experience: Practicum (3 credit hours), and HDC 590 Professional Experience: Internship (6 credit hours).
Complete all requirements for your chosen area of study
Complete a closure process (details at www.uis.edu/hdc/)

Sample of courses:
   Fundamental Issues and Ethics in Counseling
   Theories of Counseling
   Group Counseling
   Multicultural Counseling
   Developmental Counseling
   Career/Lifestyle Counseling
   Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
   Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling
   Consultation and Crisis Intervention
   Social Justice and Advocacy in Counseling
   Developmental School Counseling
   Psychopathology and the DSM
   Appraisal Techniques in Counseling
   Research Methods
   Introduction to Family Counseling
   Sexual Dysfunction and Family Violence
   Couples Counseling

For a complete list of courses and degree requirements, see the UIS catalog at www.uis.edu/uiscatalog/