Create positive change in your community and beyond with a rewarding career as a professional counselor.

Build a strong foundation for making a difference in your community. An M.A. in Counseling from UND will prepare you to become a skilled practitioner in the field.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Master's Degree
Format: On-campus
Est. time to complete: 2-3 years
Credit hours: 60

Why Earn a Master's Degree in Counseling at UND?

UND's graduate degree program in counseling uses a training model anchored in the science of psychology, emphasizing both evidence-based practices and multicultural competence. The counseling program offers opportunities to develop professional practice skills in our on-campus multi-disciplinary clinic and through community-based counseling internships.

Counseling Specializations

UND offers a variety of options so you can tailor your M.A. in Counseling to fit your specific interests. Combining a broad theoretical foundation with extensive training in practitioner skills, the counseling program offers four tracks:

- Addiction Counseling
- Community Mental Health Counseling
- Child Adolescent Counseling
- Rehabilitation Counseling

Whichever track you choose, you'll prepare for a dynamic career as a counselor. Our counseling graduates work in mental health centers, rehabilitation offices, addiction treatment clinics, family service organizations and more.

Application Deadlines

FALL/SUMMER: FEB 1* | MAY 1
*DESIGNATES PRIORITY DEADLINE

Counseling M.A. Overview

- Work with the Rural Psychology Integrated Care program that responds to the mental and behavioral needs of residents.
- Take on an internship with a local agency in your area of interest.
- Train at the Northern Prairie Community Clinic, providing in-office and tele-counseling to patients.
- Conduct in-depth and influential scholarship in the completion of your independent study or scholarly project.
- Learn from a diverse faculty with doctoral degrees and extensive experience teaching counseling graduate students.

Careers as a Counselor
13%  Anticipated job growth for career counselors

23%  Anticipated job growth for substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

An M.A. in Counseling from UND prepares you for a fulfilling career as a counselor in a range of settings, including:

- Mental health centers
- Rehabilitation offices
- Addiction treatment clinics
- Family service organizations
- K-12 schools

When You Major in Counseling

A Counseling degree gives you the strategic skills you need, including:

- Psychotherapy
- Mental Health Counseling
- Psychology
- Crisis Intervention

UND Counseling Major Alumni

Counseling alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers with:

- Fulton County Schools
- Sheridan Co. School District 1
- The Shopper, Inc.
- Adapt, Inc.
- Altru Hospice