

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF THE CARIBBEAN
Master of Science in
Counselling and Consulting Psychology (MCCP)
APPLICATION GUIDELINES

PROGRAMME OUTLINE (60 credits)

The programme consists of required and elective academic course work, classroom seminars and tutorials, engagement with classmates, supervised clinical experience and a thesis/major project. (Please note that this information may be subject to change).

COMPONENT	Course Code	NUMBER OF CREDITS
<i>Required Courses:</i>		
1. Introduction to Counselling & Consulting Psychology	CCP-500	3
2. Counselling and Consulting Skills	CCP-585	3
3. Lifespan Psychology	CCP-587	3
4. Research Methods I	CCP-571A	3
5. Research Methods II & Thesis Writing	CCP-571B	3
6. Professional Ethics	CCP-583	3
7. Organising for Marketing	CCP-503	2
8. Psychology, Spirituality & Healing	CCP-504	3
9. Counselling Theories I	CCP-584	3
10. Counselling Theories II	CCP-5810	3
11. Organisational Development & Intervention	CCP-501	3
12. Strategic Management & Change	CCP-502	3
13. Psychometrics	CCP-5825	3
14. Psychotherapy		3
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<i>Electives (Select 2)</i>		
15. Programme Evaluation	CCP-505	3
16. Community Psychology & Counselling	CCP-5010	3
17. Performance Counselling	CCP-507	3
18. Coaching & Mentoring	CCP-509	3
19. Counselling Children & Adolescents	CCP-5816	3
20. Practicum Supervision	CCP-601	3
21. Marriage and Family Therapy	CCP-5017	3
22. Forensic Psychology	CCP-5016	3
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<i>Other components</i>		
Praxis Paper I	CCP-5014	0
Praxis Paper II	CCP-5015	0
Thesis	CCP-605	6
Practicum I	CCP-602	3
Practicum II	CCP-603	3
Orientation seminar	CCP-600A	1
Personal therapy	CCP-605	0

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TOTAL		60 CREDITS

Seminar (1 credit)

Orientation Seminar: The Seminar of the Application Process in which learning goals and other experiential learning exercises are utilized in a peer setting as well as orientation for the programme.

Programme Seminar: One Programme Seminar is required during the course of the degree. A Programme Seminar is offered once per year and covers topics that support the professional development of students in the field of Counselling & Consulting Psychology

Two Practicums (6 credits)

Practicum placements are developed in conjunction with the M CCP Practicum Coordinator. Practicum sites can be in community agencies, with professionals in private practice or other areas of the student's interest. Students are required to do a significant portion of their practicum placement within organisations such as NGO/Community-based organisations, educational institutions, health care institutions, and other private and public sector facilities.

Praxis Papers (0 credits)

The praxis paper is a longitudinal study of the student's work with a client. It provides the student with the opportunity to integrate knowledge and understanding of counselling & consulting psychology with their clinical experience component. Students will complete one praxis paper after each practicum.

Thesis (6 credits)

Therapy Requirement (0 credits)

A minimum of 40 hours of individual therapy is required before or during the course of the degree. At least twenty (20) of these hours should be with a certified counsellor and the other 20 hours will be with another M CCP student (peer counselling). Please note that in your peer counselling relationship, you function as therapist for 20 hours and as client for 20 hours. To fulfil the requirements with counselling which took place before the degree, it must have occurred within the past seven years. A letter from the therapist will be necessary, stating that the therapy took place, and the dates of the therapy. The student must be engaged in their own therapy by the time they begin their practicums.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Accredited Bachelor's Degree (Upper 2nd class honours or above) in a related discipline or its equivalent from a recognized university or college.
2. Academic background in counselling and/or some experience in a helping role are desirable.
3. A readiness to integrate academic knowledge and counselling/consulting experience.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Prospective students should submit the following: (all documents should be typed):

1. The attached application form.
2. A non-refundable application fee of J\$1,500.
3. Official Transcripts of previous degree(s)
4. Copies of certificates
5. Marriage Certificate
6. Birth Certificate
7. Curriculum vitae which includes reference to work or other educational experience

- relevant to the proposed course of study.
8. Recent head and shoulders photograph. This photograph is strictly for the purpose of familiarizing the interviewer(s) with the interviewee prior to interview.
 9. A two to three page statement of the applicant's professional goals and how they see the MCCP degree contributing to these goals.
 10. A two to three page statement of the applicant's understanding of counselling and consulting psychology.
 11. If the applicant has had any personal experience with any form of psychotherapy, a two to three page statement of how that experience had contributed to their understanding of counselling and consulting psychology.
 12. Two references from persons able to indicate:
 - a. The applicant's capacity to work in an educational model which emphasizes reflection on experience and personal growth as well as knowledge and skill development.
 - b. The applicant's general readiness for pursuing his/her goals by means of the proposed course of study.
 - c. The applicant's experience and/or readiness to work with clients in a counselling setting.

References must be forwarded directly to IUC Office.

Applicants will attend a weekend orientation as part of the application process. Interviews are conducted by the MCCP Committee with a view to reflecting on the applicant's learning goals, professional direction, and determining the applicant's appropriateness for admission to the programme.

In rare circumstances, when admission to a degree programme has been denied, a student may make appeal to the *Dean's Office* (Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences) whose decision will be considered final.