

<b><u>EARLY CORE COURSES (21 hours)</u></b>		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
COUC 500	Orientation to Counselor Profession Identity & Function	3	_____	_____
COUC 501	Ethical & Legal Issues in Counseling	3	_____	_____
COUC 502	Human Growth & Development	3	_____	_____
COUC 504	Multicultural Counseling	3	_____	_____
COUC 505	Counseling Techniques/Helping Relationship	3	_____	_____
COUC 506	Integration of Spirituality & Counseling	3	_____	_____
COUC 510	Theories of Counseling	3	_____	_____
<b><u>ADVANCED CORE COURSES (18 hours)</u></b>				
COUC 512	Group Counseling <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
COUC 515	Research & Program Evaluation <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
COUC 521	Assessment Techniques in Counseling	3	_____	_____
COUC 522	Career Development & Counseling	3	_____	_____
COUC 546	Psychopathology	3	_____	_____
COUC 601	Theories of Family Systems	3	_____	_____
<b><u>SPECIALIZATION COURSES (18 hours)</u></b>				
CEFS 670	Comprehensive Exam-CPCE <sup>3</sup>		_____	_____
CEFS 671	Comprehensive Exam-Integration <sup>3</sup>		_____	_____
COUC 602	Assessment, Diagnosis, & Treatment Planning in Marriage & Family Counseling	3	_____	_____
COUC 603	Advanced Couple & Marital Counseling	3	_____	_____
COUC 620	Counseling Children, Adolescents, & Families	3	_____	_____
COUC 692	Counseling Practicum	3	_____	_____
COUC 693	Counseling Internship I	3	_____	_____
COUC 694	Counseling Internship II <sup>4</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>MARRIAGE &amp; FAMILY ELECTIVES (3 hours)</u></b>				
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>				
COUC 610	Human Sexuality	3	_____	_____
COUC 691	Substance Abuse: Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention <sup>5</sup>	3	_____	_____
		<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>60</b>	

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 60 total hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level 3.0 GPA

No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)

No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)

Successful completion of Comprehensive Exam

Liberty University course work that is more than 10 years old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit

Degree must be completed within 7 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

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**Offered in Resident Format**

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**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

<sup>1</sup>A background check will be required.

<sup>2</sup>Students must successfully complete three hours of undergraduate coursework in statistics. Those who did not complete these courses in their undergraduate programs may fulfill this prerequisite requirement during the first two semesters of the program

<sup>3</sup>Counseling Comprehensive Exam Prerequisites: COUC 500, 501, 502, 504, 505, 506, 510, 512, 515, 521, 522, 546, 601, and 602

<sup>4</sup>Course may be taken a second time

<sup>5</sup>Three hours of coursework in diagnosis and treatment of addictive behaviors is required in Virginia for LMFTs

*Suggested Course Sequence on second page*

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
COUC 500	3	COUC 504	3
COUC 501	3	COUC 505	3
COUC 502	3	COUC 506	3
COUC 510	<u>3</u>	COUC 601	<u>3</u>
Total	12	Total	12
<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
COUC 515	3	COUC 512	3
COUC 521	3	COUC 602	3
COUC 522	3	COUC 603 or 620	3
COUC 546	<u>3</u>	Elective <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	12	Total	12
<u>Fifth Semester</u>		<u>Sixth Semester</u>	
COUC 603 or 620	3	COUC 693	<u>3</u>
CEFS 670 <sup>2</sup>	0	Total	3
CEFS 671 <sup>2</sup>	0		
COUC 692	<u>3</u>		
Total	6		
<u>Seventh Semester</u>			
COUC 694 <sup>3</sup>	<u>3</u>		
Total	3		

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Choose one of the following courses: COUC 610 or 691\*\*

<sup>2</sup>Counseling Comprehensive Exam prerequisites: COUC 500, 501, 502, 504, 505, 506, 510, 512, 515, 521, 522, 546, 601, and 602

<sup>3</sup>Course may be taken a second time

**\*\*Remember:** The M.A. Marriage and Family Counseling program is designed to meet the Virginia Board of Counseling educational requirements for license as a Marriage and Family Therapist. Additionally, the Virginia Board of Counseling requires 3 hours of coursework in diagnosis and treatment of addictive behaviors for LMFTs.