

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) FAQ Sheet

10. How long will it take me to complete the 60 credit hour program? It appears to be a great deal of time and coursework.

Answer: The CMHC program has been designed for completion in three (3) years. Some of the courses are scheduled on a semester long basis and other courses are scheduled in a weekend (Friday evening and Saturday) modular format to be completed over the course of 1-3 weekends. Semester length classes are usually one evening per week (in some cases a second day of the week may apply) and generally begin at 5:30pm. The length of the program (60 credit hours) is mandated by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

The CMHC program can be completed in 5 years if a student has a reason to take time off for personal, medical, or other reasons. If a student takes a semester or two off, the student has to be able to complete the program of study within 5 years from the time of acceptance into the program. As stated above, the course work takes three years to complete and the course work is sequential so any time off would effect a student's ability to complete the program of study sequentially within the 5 years.

11. Is the CMHC program accredited by an agency?

Answer: Yes, it is an accredited program by CACREP. For further information on CACREP please see <https://www.cacrep.org/for-students/students-faqs-2/>

12. Is there financial aid available?

Answer: Yes, a significant number of our students utilize financial aid to assist with paying for their schooling. Every student has the option to apply for financial aid and scholarship opportunities that are offered by Wilmington University as well as outside resources. Please see www.wilmu.edu/financialaid/ for further information.

13. Does the CMHC Program accept transfer credits?

Answer: Per CACREP, the program is not allowed to transfer in any clinical hours. Any other courses will be reviewed upon admission with the understanding that all clinical hours must be completed within the program. A maximum of six credits may be transferred into the program that are deemed equivalent to the courses in the CMHC program.

14. If for any reason, I need to withdraw from the program (financial, illness etc.), would it be possible to re-enter the program without re-applying?

Answer: Students have a five-year window to complete the program. Occasionally, a student may need to take a leave from the program and go to an inactive status for a short time period. Students must contact their faculty academic advisor if there is a deviation

