Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in Community Counseling

ALVERNA UNIVERSITY
The MACC program gives you the opportunity to explore personal interest areas within the content of coursework, so you can create your own unique academic experience. In a collaborative learning environment, Alvernia’s faculty will guide you through counseling skills and techniques, ensuring mastery through a developmental approach. You will also practice those skills under supervision in your practicum and internship experiences.

With years of experience in the field, Alvernia’s MACC faculty expertise represents a variety of approaches to counseling. You will be exposed to these approaches and be encouraged to develop your own personal theory of counseling.

Real-world learning opportunities are found inside and outside the classroom. Our graduate students have been placed at valuable internship sites, including the Caron Foundation, the Reading Hospital Center for Mental Health, Berks Counseling Center and Threshold Rehabilitation Services. Students can also attend professional conferences and over the years have participated in the annual Conference for the Human Services for local practicing professionals.

Alvernia’s Master of Arts in Community Counseling degree program is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Middle States Commission of Higher Education.

Explore the full depth of our curriculum at www.alvernia.edu/macc
Develop Your Professional Potential

The MACC faculty expertise represents a variety of theoretical approaches to counseling. You will be exposed to these approaches, but encouraged to develop your own personal theory of counseling. Your classes will emphasize theory, counseling techniques, ethical practice, case examples and counseling simulations.

Valuable Degree for an In-Demand Field

Demand for community counseling services is expected to increase dramatically in the coming years. Fueling this need is an increased focus on preventive counseling and intervention, along with a trend toward mandating addiction rehabilitation as a first approach for drug offenders.

Network with Colleagues and Potential Employers

You’ll gain valuable experience as you network with other counseling professionals and cultivate relationships with classmates and faculty that benefit you after graduation, connecting you with potential employers.

Start Your Own Practice

An effective counselor requires strong academic and interpersonal skills. Alvernia helps you acquire the broad range of skills, tools and knowledge you need to prepare you for an advanced counseling practice position. Today, many counselors are self-employed or work in group or private practices.

Test for the NCE at Alvernia

In addition to the academic preparation of students seeking licensure as a Professional Counselor in Pennsylvania, students in the MACC program also have the opportunity to sit for the National Counselor Examination (NCE) during their final semester of coursework. Alvernia’s MACC program sponsors the administration of the National Counselor Examination, which has been approved by the state for licensure as a Professional Counselor.

Certification and Preparation for Licensure

Our program has been developed to correspond with the academic and experiential requirements for licensure as a Professional Counselor.

As a professional counselor, you can play an important role in a community by helping people and their families through mental and emotional illnesses or hardships. Alvernia’s MACC program covers many facets of the counseling profession, preparing you to work with families, couples, disabled people or those struggling with addiction. Community counselors help individuals face their challenges — and often change people’s lives and living situations for the better.
First-Class Faculty

Experts. Advisors. Mentors.

At Alvernia, you will find a faculty of accomplished scholars and industry experts, along with outstanding learning facilities. Professors bring real-world experience into the classroom to ground learning in a practical setting that is ideal to help students successfully meet their personal and professional goals.

The MACC program is specifically designed to establish relationships and skills which enable students to be effective Professional Counselors. Students move through the program as a group which enhances collegial and professional connections.

Peggy C. Bowen-Hartung, Ph.D., C.T.S.
Associate Professor
Chair, Psychology & Counseling Department
Alumni’s professors not only had great academic experience but also clinical experience. The professors were great for networking and providing us with ideas for internships. Dr. West was very helpful when obtaining my state license and he was a huge reason why Alvernia became a testing site for the National Counselor Examination (NCE).

Macall Miller ’07
Licensed Professional Counselor
The Reading Hospital and Medical Center;
Assertive Community Treatment Program (ACT)
Affordable
Alvernia offers a quality education at a cost you can afford. Our tuition is competitive, and we are an outstanding value. We are committed to helping you find the best ways to finance your education. From our convenient payment plans to our popular tuition deferment program, you’ll find there are many options our Student Financial Planning Office provides to help make your tuition more affordable.

Flexible
Learning at Alvernia is designed to fit into your busy life. We offer flexible scheduling with evening and weekend classes in accelerated time frames available on multiple start dates. Alvernia offers the convenience you need so you can continue working full-time while earning your degree.

Attainable
Students can choose to take classes where and when it’s most convenient. The Master of Arts in Community Counseling degree is offered on campus at our Reading and Philadelphia locations.

We invite you to visit campus and speak with a member of our Graduate Admissions staff. Our supportive team will help you every step of the way. To arrange a visit or submit an application, please go to www.alvernia.edu/gradandadult