What can I do with a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in Clinical Counseling?

Use this resource to research some of the career options associated with this degree and specialization. Please refer to the User Guide for more detailed tips on how to make the most of this resource.

About this specialization

The master’s Clinical Counseling specialization focuses on learners’ socialization into the counseling and clinical psychology profession and presents foundational scientific theories and practices used in the clinical psychology field. The specialization curriculum emphasizes clinical assessment, counseling interventions, psychological testing, research methods, ethical principles, and diversity.

Related job titles to explore†

The sample job titles below represent a range of options for professionals with this degree and specialization. While some titles represent entry-level positions, others may require previous experience in the field.

- Therapist
- Psychologist
- Psychotherapist
- Psychology technician
- Master’s level practitioner
- Employee assistance program specialist
- Researcher
- Psychometrist
- Clinical research coordinator/manager
- Administrator/director
- Case manager
- Adjunct or part-time faculty
- Instructor
- Counselor
  - University
  - Intake
  - Community

†These are examples intended to serve as a general guide. Because many factors determine what position an individual may attain, Capella cannot guarantee that a graduate will secure any specific job title; job titles can differ by state or region.

Note: Some positions require licensure and/or other designations. We encourage you to research requirements for your job target and career goals. Check state licensure requirements. The license to practice as a professional psychologist or counselor is regulated independently in each state or province. Learners who intend to seek licensure or certification should check the program requirements in the state or province in which they hope to practice. This specialization is not accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) or by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).
Related employment settings to explore

Professionals with this degree and specialization may work in a variety of industries and settings. The following list of employment settings is not exhaustive, but is intended to provide an introduction to the opportunities in this field.

- Community counseling center
- Mental health clinic
- Private practice
- Social service agency
- Correctional facility
- Military
- Government—local, state, federal
- Religious organization
- Hospital—inpatient or outpatient
- Nonprofit organization
- Community college
- Land-based or online college or university

Samples of associated skills

- Applying ethical principles related to practice in academics, research, and practice of counseling and clinical competencies
- Communicating in scholarly writing, verbally, and through the use of any technologies using the professional standards of the discipline
- Applying theory and research findings into practice of our professional disciplines of counseling and clinical psychology
- Analyzing research related to counseling and clinical psychology
- Evaluating the importance of diversity through mastery of multicultural competencies in scholarly work and counseling/clinical applications

Sources for job listings

Explore specific job postings to clarify your career goals, better understand the required skills and experience, customize your job search documents, or target your job search.

APA Online Career Center
www.psyccareers.com

Social Psychology Network
www.socialpsychology.org

USAJOBS
www.usajobs.gov

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
www.hhs.gov/careers

Chronicle of Higher Education
http://chroniclevitae.com/job_search/new

Psychology Jobs
www.psychologyjobs.com

Indeed
www.indeed.com

HigherEdJobs
www.higheredjobs.com

LinkUp
www.linkup.com
Professional associations & industry information

Utilize professional associations to gain familiarity with the field, learn about current issues and industry trends, identify opportunities to get involved, make professional connections, and contribute your subject matter expertise. Consider joining state or local chapters to meet professionals in your region.

- American Psychological Association
  www.apa.org
- APA Division 12 - Society of Clinical Psychology
  www.div12.org
- American Counseling Association
  www.counseling.org
- APA Division 53 - Society of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology
  www.clinicalchildpsychology.org
- Association for Psychological Science
  www.psychologicalscience.org
- Northamerican Association of Masters in Psychology
  www.enamp.org
- O*Net Occupational Information Network
  www.onetonline.org
- Wall Street Journal Career Journal
  www.careerjournal.com
- APA Division 38 - Health Psychology
  www.health-psych.org
- American Psychological Association of Graduate Students

Salary information

- JobSmart Salary Survey
  www.jobstar.org
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
  www.bls.gov
- Report of the 2009 APA Salary Survey
- Salary.com
  www.salary.com
- NACE Salary Calculator
  www.jobsearchintelligence.com/NACE/jobseekers/salary-calculator.php
Career Center resources & services

The Career Center assists learners and alumni in developing and implementing their career management goals resulting in measurable career outcomes. Career counselors serve learners and alumni in all Capella University schools and degree programs. Services are free of charge to learners and alumni.

iGuide Career Center
This comprehensive career site contains a wealth of information on career planning, job searching, resume and CV writing, interviewing, and more.

Career Connection
Career Connection allows users to search for jobs, research employers, or apply for jobs with employers who are interested in recruiting Capella learners and alumni. In addition to the jobs posted in the Capella Network of employers, users can extend their search and find additional employment opportunities through a national network of employers.

Career counseling and job search advising
Career counselors consult with learners and alumni individually by phone and e-mail.

Resume and curriculum vitae (CV) review
Career Center staff members are trained in resume and CV critique. The online Career Center in iGuide provides sample resumes, CVs, and cover letters to help learners and alumni get started. When the draft is ready, Career Center staff work with the learner or graduate to transform the documents into effective self-marketing tools.

On-demand tutorials
Recorded interactive media pieces are created specifically for Capella's learners, alumni, and prospective learners. The interactive elements provide you opportunities to work with the material in a meaningful way and make connections to your experiences and situations. Because they are recorded, you can access them at your convenience.

Career seminars
The Career Center offers free, five-day seminars, which are facilitated by Career Counselors in the Capella courseroom and are designed for learners enrolled in all specializations.

- **Career Exploration and Planning** seminar focuses on articulating skills, interests, and work values; gaining a better understanding of target industries and professions; and creating an action plan to move toward the desired career goal.
- **Effective Job Search Strategies** seminar focuses on specific job search strategies to help you meet your short-term employment goals, as well as strategies for managing your career over the long-term.

Visit the online Career Center to learn more about services and resources available to help you reach your career goals.