

Master of Arts in Counseling (MAC) Specializing in Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling

The MA in Counseling Program meets the requirements of the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) and the New Jersey Licensure as a Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) and Licensed Professor Counselor (LPC).

For students outside of New Jersey, before enrolling in Pillar's MAC program, they should review the rules and regulations for the LPC equivalent in their home state (or state in which they wish to practice) to ensure Pillar's MAC meets the requirements of that state.

MAC Graduation Requirement

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to Graduate from the Program.

This requires students to attain a grade of “B” and above in each course.

Letter Grade	GPA	Course Grade	Point Range
A	4.0	A	100-95
A-	3.7	A-	94-90
B+	3.3	B+	89-87
B	3.0	B	86-83
F		F	82 and below

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Major Requirements for the MA in Counseling

Core Courses		33 Credits
COUN 520	Counseling Theory and Practice	3
COUN 530	Research and Program Evaluation	3
COUN 540	Ethical and Legal Implications in Counseling	3
COUN 550	Counseling Skills	3
COUN 560	Social and Cultural Counseling Foundations	3
COUN 570	Human Growth and Development	3
COUN 580	Orientation to Professional Counseling	3
COUN 590	Group Process and Practice	3
COUN 595	Group Leadership and Practice	3
COUN 610	Psychological Testing and Assessment	3
COUN 650	Career Development	3
MCF Counseling specialization courses		12 Credits
COUN 620	Marriage and Family Counseling I	3
COUN 625	Marriage and Family Counseling II	3
COUN 630	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	3
COUN 660	Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning	3
Addiction Counseling Courses		6 Credits
COUN 545	Introduction to Addiction and Recovery	3
COUN 645	Pharmacology and Physiology of Drugs and Alcohol	3
Professional Practice Courses		9 Credits
COUN 670	Professional Development Practicum (100 hours)	3
COUN 680	Professional Internship I (300 hours)	3
COUN 690	Professional Internship II (300 hours)	3
Total		60 credits

LINKS for NJ Licensure:

Steps for Licensure:

<https://njcounseling.org/member-information/steps-for-licensure/>

NJ Professional Counselors Information:

[https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Documents/licenseprocess/PC-Application-Process-Overview.pdf#:~:text=How%20to%20Apply%20for%20Your%20License%201.%20Please,verifications%20from%20other%20states%20are%20emailed%20to%20Marriage Family LV%40dca.njoag.gov](https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Documents/licenseprocess/PC-Application-Process-Overview.pdf#:~:text=How%20to%20Apply%20for%20Your%20License%201.%20Please,verifications%20from%20other%20states%20are%20emailed%20to%20Marriage%20Family%20Therapists%20LV%40dca.njoag.gov)

NCE Exam Information

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pc/Applications/National-Counselor-Examination-Application-Procedure.pdf>

Application for Licensure Form

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pc/Applications/Application-for-Licensure-Professional-Counselor-Rehabilitation-Counselor-Associate-Counselor.pdf>