

Advance your understanding of human behavior.

Why Study at Rivier?

Our online M.A. in Psychology provides advanced study in human behavior, counseling skills, research, ethics, and human development. Designed for students exploring careers in mental health, counseling, or human services, the program builds a strong academic foundation and prepares graduates for advanced study and professional growth.

Gain Real-World Experience

Develop practical skills in counseling, communication, research, and ethical decision-making while exploring human behavior and mental health. Through case-based learning and self-reflection, you'll build a strong foundation for graduate study and careers in the helping professions.

Begin Your Career

Psychology graduates may pursue careers as:

- Human services
- Community agency support roles
- Case management
- Research, program evaluation, or nonprofit support roles

Advanced Degrees and Licensure

Graduates of the M.A. in Psychology may apply to continue their studies in Rivier's licensure-track programs, including Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC), School Counseling (SC), or the Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.), subject to admission requirements.

Students who choose not to pursue further study will earn a standalone master's degree that prepares them for entry-level roles in human services, behavioral health, community agencies, research, and related fields.



Course Format

100% online



36 Credits

to complete
program



Course Length

As little as one
academic year





Major Requirements

COUNSELING CORE REQUIREMENTS

CNSL 610	Basic Human Interaction
CNSL 614	Clinical Counseling Theories
CNSL 615	Clinical Counseling Techniques
CNSL 616	Group Counseling

COUNSELING CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

CNSL 623	Marriage and Family Therapy
CNSL 622	Diagnosis and Treatment
CNSL 629	Addictive Behaviors
CNSL 721	Advanced Multicultural Perspectives

COUNSELING FOUNDATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

CNSL 501	Research Literacy & Program Evaluation for Counselors
CNSL 505	Advanced Psychology of Human Development
CNSL 618	Ethics of Clinical Counseling
CNSL 720	Social and Cultural Foundations

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Formal Dispositional Review
- Successful completion of Comprehensive Examination

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Students complete 12 three-credit general elective courses (36 credits) to fulfill the total credit requirement for the degree.

M.A. Program Start Dates

Six term starts per year allow you to begin your program in September, October, January, March, May, or July. Completed applications are reviewed as they are received throughout the year.

Academic Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



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1. Submit your application online at rivier.edu/apply. There is no application fee.
2. Review and complete the application process at rivier.edu/gradadmissions.

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