

## OVERVIEW OF MASTERS OF ARTS IN PASTORAL COUNSELING PROGRAM

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The Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling Program (MAPC) combines clinical excellence with an understanding of the spiritual and theological dimensions of individuals and families in a multicultural, multi-religious context. Pastoral counselors are counseling professionals whose preparation includes in-depth academic and clinical training combined with study of biblical tradition, theological reflection, and spiritual formation. The MAPC is a degree for those who want to integrate an inclusive holistic perspective in their counseling work that allows them to work with issues of mind, body, and spirit.

The 62 credit MAPC program is designed to meet the academic and practicum/internship degree requirements in Pennsylvania for Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC). Graduates seeking LPC licensure in Pennsylvania must complete 3600 additional clinical hours under the supervision of an experienced LPC counselor and then pass a state-required exam, most notably the National Counselor Exam (NCE) offered by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC). MAPC students who wish to seek licensure receive intensive advising and guidance concerning coursework and documentation of clinical hours for the academic requirements for the LPC.

Not all MAPC students wish to pursue licensure and independent or group practice. The MAPC degree also prepares counseling professionals who intend to counsel in a parish or agency setting, or to pursue accreditation for chaplaincy (which requires additional intensive Clinical Pastoral Education/CPE experience). Bivocational clergy or clergy who wish to further develop their pastoral care and counseling ministry skills also find the MAPC program furthers their goals.

The MAPC degree can be completed in as few as two years of intensive, full-time study. Students must complete the degree within six years.

Course work in the 62 credit MAPC program is distributed among three areas:

Theological Disciplines	21 credit hours (includes World Religions, Intro to the Bible, Developing Effective Multicultural Competencies through the Hebrew Bible)
Clinical Courses	31 credit hours (includes Clinical Assessment and Treatment Planning, Group Theory and Practice, Individual Psychotherapy and Counseling Practice, Human and Faith Development, and Practicum/Internship)
Electives	10 credits (includes courses in Marital and Family Counseling; Addictions; Chronic Illness, Disability, Death, and Loss; Individual Spiritual Direction; Counseling Children and Adolescents)

## DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM: MAPC AND MASTERS OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

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In 2003, Moravian Seminary entered into a cooperative agreement with Marywood University School of Social Work (Scranton, PA) to offer a dual master's degree in both Social Work and the Masters of Arts in Pastoral Counseling.

The MAPC/MSW program is ideal for students who seek to integrate a spiritual and theological understanding into their practice of counseling, seek to employ the skills of social work in the clinical setting, or look to hold an administrative position in a social service/mental health organization.

The MAPC/MSW program requires a total of 94 credits. This can be accomplished in 3 years of full-time study, as compared with 4 years if the degrees were taken separately.