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TRAUMA COUNSELING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Certificate of Advanced Studies

The Trauma Counseling certificate is designed for graduate counseling students and professionals who want specialized preparation for working with clients impacted by trauma. Topics addressed are expected to include professional self-awareness, evidence-based interventions and application, and the integration of physiological responses in mental health treatment. Coursework also explores advanced clinical considerations such as trauma across the lifespan, complex trauma, and the ways trauma symptoms can affect relationships, behavior, and overall wellbeing. Students may pursue this coursework if they have been accepted and are completing coursework in a graduate counseling program or related field. Professionals who are seeking this certificate are eligible if they have completed a graduate degree in counseling or a related field and are in good standing with all state licensure boards and national certification bodies.

fast facts

No entrance exam required

Credit hours: 9

Cost per credit hour: $427.45 total *(includes $261.91 tuition + $165.55. fees)*

Certificate offered: Certificate of Advanced Studies / Trauma Counseling

Delivery method: Online

Department: Counseling

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Clinical skills for trauma-focused practice
- Trauma impacts across the lifespan
- Neurobiology of trauma and symptom patterns
- Working with complex trauma and grief
- Supporting clients after violence and abuse
- Professional readiness and self-awareness
- Evidence-based trauma treatment approaches

Possible Careers

- Trauma counselor
- Clinical mental health counselor
- Crisis counselor
- Victim advocate / support
- Domestic violence or sexual assault counselor
- Grief and loss counselor

Types of Employers

- Private counseling practices
- Hospitals
- Mental/behavioral health centers
- Crisis response teams
- Victim advocacy programs
- Veteran and military support organizations

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.

Best Value Clinical Counseling School
Wayne State College's Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate program was recognized as the No. 2 "Best Value School" in the Plains States Region for offering a high quality program at an affordable price.

Affordable Graduate Pathways
Recognition among the Top 10 Most Affordable Master's Degree Programs in the U.S. (Intelligent.com), our graduate certificates provide high-value, flexible graduate education that supports career growth.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Certificates of Advanced Studies in Counseling are offered to students and professionals who have been accepted and are completing coursework in a graduate counseling program or related field or have a completed graduate degree in counseling or a related field.

Trauma Counseling graduate certificate courses (9 credit hours)

CSL 606 Professional Preparedness for Trauma Counseling 2
CSL 607 Evidenced Based Practices in Trauma Treatment 2
CSL 608 Special Topics in Trauma 2
CSL 609 Advanced Trauma Counseling 3

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