

# ADULT & GENERAL EDUCATION

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADULT EDUCATION

### Fact Sheet

### Family Counseling Specialty

The Adult Education Department is committed to preparing leaders in the areas of adult education, counseling, gerontology, educational leadership, and as secondary school educators. Programs provide professional preparation including Administration and Supervision; Alcohol Counseling; Gerontology, and Rehabilitation Counseling and **Family Counseling**.

#### WHAT IS THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADULT EDUCATION?

The Master of Science in Adult and General Education is designed to enhance the professional competency of those individuals working in diverse fields serving adults. The Programs develops and strengthens the liberal and specialized education of administrators, counselors, teachers, and all other relevant parishioners of adult education, counseling and training programs. All degree candidates must select an area of specialization in consultation with their faculty advisor. A student planning to pursue a degree in this program should confer with the assigned faculty advisor during the first semester of studies for approval of the choice and sequence of courses to be taken. Non-degree seeking students are also encouraged to discuss their course selection with faculty.

#### WHAT IS THE FAMILY COUNSELING SPECIALTY?

The purpose of the family program is to prepare students in the field of family studies. The 18-hour credit requirement includes a 6-credit hour practicum experience. Students in this program are taught theoretical concepts and intervention strategies in the field of family studies. Particular emphasis is given to the dynamics of family systems theory and the rationale and practice of marriage and family counseling. Students will acquire basic knowledge and apply it to these concepts related to family systems theories. Studies will also develop a better perspective of models used to examine various relationships. Case studies are used to better understand developmental changes in the family life cycle. In addition, emphasis is placed on counseling techniques such as communication strategies and structural strategies that affect specific marital and family problems. The foundational core courses will support the basic knowledge needed for students in the area of adult education.

#### WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED CORE COURSES?

##### Core Courses (18 Credit Hours)

<b>REHB 516</b>	Theories & Techniques of Counseling
<b>PSYC 512</b>	Mental Health
<b>ADLT 503</b>	Counseling Adults
<b>EDUC 537</b>	Developmental Bases of Behavior
<b>EDUC 581</b>	Statistics in Social & Behavioral Sciences I Prerequisite for 582
<b>EDUC 582</b>	Research Methods in Social and Behavioral Sciences (This course is a prerequisite to ADLT 600.)
<b>ADLT 600</b>	Seminar in Graduate Research (Taken after 21 Credits)

#### SPECIALTY COURSES

##### Specialty Courses (18 Credit Hours)

<b>REHB 513</b>	Introduction to Rehabilitation
<b>PSYC 641</b>	Advanced Individual Counseling, Diagnosis, and Assessment of the Addicted Client
<b>SOCI 601</b>	Child Abuse and Spousal Abuse or PSYC 508
<b>SOCI 602</b>	Techniques of Marriage Counseling or PSYC 614
<b>ADLT 504</b>	Practicum

**\*EDUC 581 will be required of all graduate students who have not previously taken a Statistics course. EDUC 581 is a prerequisite for EDUC 582.**