



## DEGREE PROGRAM

*Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology (30 units)*

## ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS

Holy Names University offers six graduate programs in the Counseling Psychology Programs for persons who want to work professionally as counselors in a variety of venues, including forensic and pastoral. Students will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively counsel, fully acknowledging the diverse dimensions of people's lives. The faculty is made up of practicing clinicians, and students are exposed to a wide variety of counseling theories with an integrated, programmatic emphasis on human diversity and spirituality. Classes incorporate didactic learning with opportunities for experiential practice via written exercises, case studies, and simulations. Integration of learning is fostered by scholarly papers and reflection journals. At the end of the program, students will be able to demonstrate clinical competence and clear understanding of professional responsibilities.

Our students reflect a rich diversity of age, culture, religion, lifestyles, and lived experiences. Holy Names Counseling programs are appropriate for individuals whose own levels of personal and psychological development enable them to have high regard for all human beings, especially those different from themselves. All programs are dedicated to fostering student development of openness and respect for all people. We firmly believe that valuing differences is a hallmark of effective, compassionate counseling. All three programs are designed for the working adult. Most classes are offered in the late afternoons and evenings.

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This program, designed for those who may be licensed, prepares professionals for a career in working with victims and perpetrators in a correctional setting. This program is uniquely based in a foundational philosophy of restorative justice. Students will gain theoretical knowledge of the counseling field as it relates to corrections and the legal system, in general. Students completing this program are not eligible for state licensure as Marriage and Family therapists (MFT license)(See Counseling Psychology).

### Pre-requisite requirement:

Applicant to any counseling psychology master's program must have taken an undergraduate general psychology or sociology course or have life experience working in the community mental health field.

### Courses (30 units)

CPSY 200	Foundations of Counseling: Process and Skills
CPSY 206	Forensic Psychology and the Law
CPSY 207	Psychology of Criminal Behavior
CPSY 208	Substance Abuse Assessment & Treatment
CPSY 209A	Assessment, Diagnosis, & Treatment of the Victim
CPSY 209B	Assessment, Diagnosis, & Treatment of the Offender
CPSY 211	Forensics: Psychometrics and Assessment
CPSY 212	Forensic Psychology Professional Practice Seminar

CPSY 226	Advanced Issues in Correctional and Community Counseling
CPSY 230	Human Diversity in Counseling
CPSY 245D	Domestic Violence Assessment and Treatment

## FACULTY

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## FORMAT

Designed for the working adult, most classes are offered late afternoons and evenings, Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some Saturday classes are required.

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