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**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

**MERCY
COLLEGE**
FOR THOSE WITH A PASSION TO GET AHEAD

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences seeks to empower students to make an impact on the world around them. Through learning to treat one person at a time, helping individuals and families better manage every day issues, or working in a large organization, Mercy College teaches students how to become an integral part of their world.

Our students learn from our experienced faculty about what makes people “tick” as individuals as they interact within family, school, legal and health care settings.

M.S. DEGREES

- Counseling (School Counseling)
- Health Services Management
- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Mental Health Counseling
- Psychology
- School Psychology

M.P.A. DEGREE

- Health Services Management



**We provide students
with the essential
skills needed
in any career
or profession.**

**You'll join a
community
of students who
share your passion
for serving others.**

Dr. Karol Dean

Dean, School of Social
and Behavioral Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE

COUNSELING

(SCHOOL COUNSELING)

Students have the option of customizing the degree to fit their career goals with specializations such as:

- SCHOOL COUNSELING
- SCHOOL COUNSELING WITH BILINGUAL EXTENSION

Graduates with a Master of Science in Counseling are prepared to become New York State certified school counselors in urban and suburban school settings. Students will be equipped to handle the concerns and challenges relevant to today's students. They will also develop an understanding of how cultural diversity affects counseling techniques and applications.

Upon completion of this certification-qualifying program, graduates will be able to seek initial employment and begin working toward completing the requirements for permanent certification as a school counselor in New York State.

FAST FACTS

- 48-credit program
- Designed for full- and part-time students
- Qualifies students who complete school internships to receive a New York State provisional certification
- Offers two certifications within the degree program: Certification as a School Counselor and Certification as a School Counselor with a Bilingual Extension
- Typically takes two to three years to complete

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Two letters of recommendation from either past professors or professional supervisors
- Résumé
- Two-three page personal statement indicating the student's reasons for becoming a school counselor

LOCATIONS

- Dobbs Ferry, Bronx and online (with three-course residency requirement)



MASTER OF SCIENCE

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

The M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy Program offers a challenging and rewarding hands-on experience, preparing you for an exciting career in marriage and family therapy. This program will qualify you for licensure as a marriage and family therapist in an agency, hospital or court system, or working as a psychotherapist in a private practice setting. Other areas you could work in include couples therapy and child-family therapy.

The marriage and family therapy field is expanding and full of opportunities, with careers predicted to increase by 15 percent, much faster than average, through 2024.* US News and World Report's annual review of professions lists MFT in the top 50 professions for the next decade.

**According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics*

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate transcript with a major in psychology, sociology, behavioral science, health care or education. In special cases other majors will be accepted.
- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Two letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Five-page personal statement detailing why the applicant wants to study MFT, personal and professional attributes for this field and career goals

- Minimum of 12 credits in undergraduate psychology courses, including statistics, with a grade of B or higher

Candidates who meet entrance requirements will be invited to interview with the program director.

LOCATIONS

- Dobbs Ferry, with some courses offered at the Bronx campus and online

FAST FACTS

- 48-credit program
- Prepares students to be licensed as a marriage and family therapist
- Strong affiliations with area mental health facilities and hospitals
- Program typically takes about two and a half years to complete
- Qualifies students to be licensed after graduation, with an exam and the completion of an additional 1,200 hours (300 hours are gained in the program towards a 1,500 hour total)
- Visit www.mercy.edu/mft-handbook to view the MFT Handbook

MASTER OF SCIENCE

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

The M.S. in Mental Health Counseling Program at Mercy College provides students with a foundation in mental health counseling, including topics such as: human growth and development, research and program evaluation, professional orientation and ethics and theories of counseling.

Upon completion of this licensure-qualifying program, graduates are able to seek initial employment and begin working toward completing the requirements to be a licensed mental health counselor in New York State.* Becoming a licensed mental health counselor allows you to work professionally in a growing field. Careers in mental health counseling are expected to increase by 20% through 2024** — that's more than twice the national average for all careers.

**After being granted initial employment, graduates must complete 3,000 hours of work and pass a licensing exam within two or more years to complete the New York State licensure requirements.*

***According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

A photograph of a person wearing a green and brown camouflage jacket, looking down with their hand to their forehead. Another person's hands are visible, one resting on the person's shoulder and the other near their head, suggesting a moment of support or counseling.

FAST FACTS

- 60-credit program
- Prepares students to become New York State licensed mental health counselors in public and private agencies
- Qualifies students to sit for the National Counselor Examination and to apply for a New York State license as a mental health counselor
- Advanced certificate in alcohol/substance abuse counseling is available
- Certain courses may be completed online
- Typically takes two and a half to three and a half years to complete

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Two letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Two-three page personal statement indicating the students' reasons for becoming a mental health counselor.

Candidates who meet entrance requirements will be invited to interview with the program director.

LOCATIONS

- Dobbs Ferry, with some courses available in the Bronx

MASTER OF SCIENCE

PSYCHOLOGY

The M.S. in Psychology Program at Mercy College provides a comprehensive education through coursework, research, and supervised internships.

The course of study is designed to extend students' knowledge of psychology in areas such as, statistics, research methods, psychopathology and professional issues and ethics, as well as to provide specific experiences to fit their individual interests.

This program prepares students for doctoral studies or career advancement in their field.

FAST FACTS

- 36-credit program
- Professional affiliations with American Psychological Association agencies
- Prepares graduates for doctoral studies

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree with a major in psychology, sociology, behavioral science or education. In special cases other majors will be accepted.
- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Two letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Minimum 12 credits in undergraduate psychology courses, including statistics with a grade of B or higher
- Three-five page essay of the applicants reasons for pursuing the master's degree in psychology
- Capstone options are a thesis or comprehensive examination to complete the degree.

Candidates who meet entrance requirements will be invited to interview with the program director.

LOCATIONS

- Dobbs Ferry and online



MASTER OF SCIENCE

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Mercy College's Master of Science in School Psychology Program prepares students for a rewarding career exploring their passions and working with children to help them succeed. The degree offers a general School Psychologist track and a School Psychologist with a Bilingual Extension track. Students who complete either program will be recommended for provisional certification as a school psychologist through the New York State Education Department upon graduation*.

**The New York State Department of Education requires institutional recommendation before issuing provisional certifications. Provisional Certification in New York State can be transferred to Permanent Certification after two years of employment as a School Psychologist.*

FAST FACTS

- 66-credit general program (72-credits for the bilingual extension)
- Accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists
- Offers fieldwork and internship placements

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree with a major in psychology, sociology, behavioral science, or education. In special cases, other majors will be considered
 - 3.0 cumulative GPA
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - Résumé
 - Applicants should have completed undergraduate psychology statistics with a grade of B or higher
- Candidates who meet initial requirements will be invited to interview with the program director.*

LOCATION

- Dobbs Ferry



MASTER OF SCIENCE

HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT

The M.S. in Health Services Management is a 36-credit program of study for those who already have eight or more years of management-level experience in health care organizations. This degree is designed to consolidate and strengthen students' abilities, preparing them for higher level administrative positions. The program enables you to build upon your health care experience and to advance in the field of health services management.

**This program is for experienced professionals with eight years or more of experience working as a health care provider or manager. Applicants who do not meet this criteria are encouraged to apply to our MPA in Health Services Management.*

A photograph of three women in professional attire looking at a laptop screen. The woman on the left is wearing blue scrubs and has a stethoscope around her neck. The woman in the center is wearing a grey blazer over a dark turtleneck. The woman on the right is wearing a white blazer. They are all looking intently at the laptop screen.

FAST FACTS

- 36-credit accelerated program
- Quarter schedule
- Designed for health care managers with eight years or more of experience
- Tailored to individual professional goals with specialized electives
- Entire program offered online
- Generally completed in 18 months

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate transcript with a cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Résumé and two professional letters of recommendation that reflect eight or more years of experience as a manager
- Personal essay
- Interview with program coordinator or director

LOCATIONS

- Dobbs Ferry and online

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT

Our MPA is a 48-credit program for those with little or no management experience seeking a broad multidisciplinary education in health service leadership. The program will help propel you into roles as a health care manager in a variety of facilities in the public, private and not-for-profit settings. The MPA degree can also prepare current supervisors or other managers for advancement in their organizations.

**Applications are welcomed from graduates of baccalaureate programs in a variety of fields. Experienced professionals with eight years or more of experience are encouraged to apply to our M.S. in Health Services Management.*

A photograph of three healthcare professionals in a meeting. In the center, a young Black man with a stethoscope around his neck is speaking and gesturing with his hand. To his left, a woman with dark hair is smiling. To his right, a woman with blonde hair is looking towards him. They are all wearing professional attire.

FAST FACTS

- 48-credit program
- Multidisciplinary education in health services management
- Rolling admissions and program start times
- Evening courses offered
- Health care professionals as professors
- Typically takes two years to complete

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate transcript with a cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Résumé and two professional letters of recommendation
- Personal essay
- Interview with program coordinator or director

LOCATIONS

- Dobbs Ferry and online

JOB GROWTH THROUGH 2024*

With a master's degree in counseling, marriage and family therapy, health services management, psychology or school psychology, you can pursue breakthrough scientific research and study diverse cultures all while advancing your career.

**According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics*

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONSIDER

- Psychology Assistant
- Psychology Technician
- Casework Manager
- Industrial Consultant
- Psychotherapist

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES CAREERS WITH FASTER THAN AVERAGE JOB GROWTH (7%)

- Mental Health Counselors 20%
- Psychologists 19%
- School Psychologists 19%
- Health Services Managers 17%
- Marriage and Family Therapists 15%
- School Counselors 8%

ADMISSIONS

A top-down view of a desk with a laptop, keyboard, glasses, a smartphone, a clipboard, and a stethoscope. The desk is light-colored wood. A person's hands are visible, one holding a pen over a clipboard. The background is a solid blue color.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Completed application form and official transcripts. Please see each department for specific program requirements for admission.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Admission to all programs can be considered on a rolling basis, with no set deadline for application. However, it is recommended that application and required documentation be submitted with sufficient time prior to the beginning of the semester for consideration by the program director.

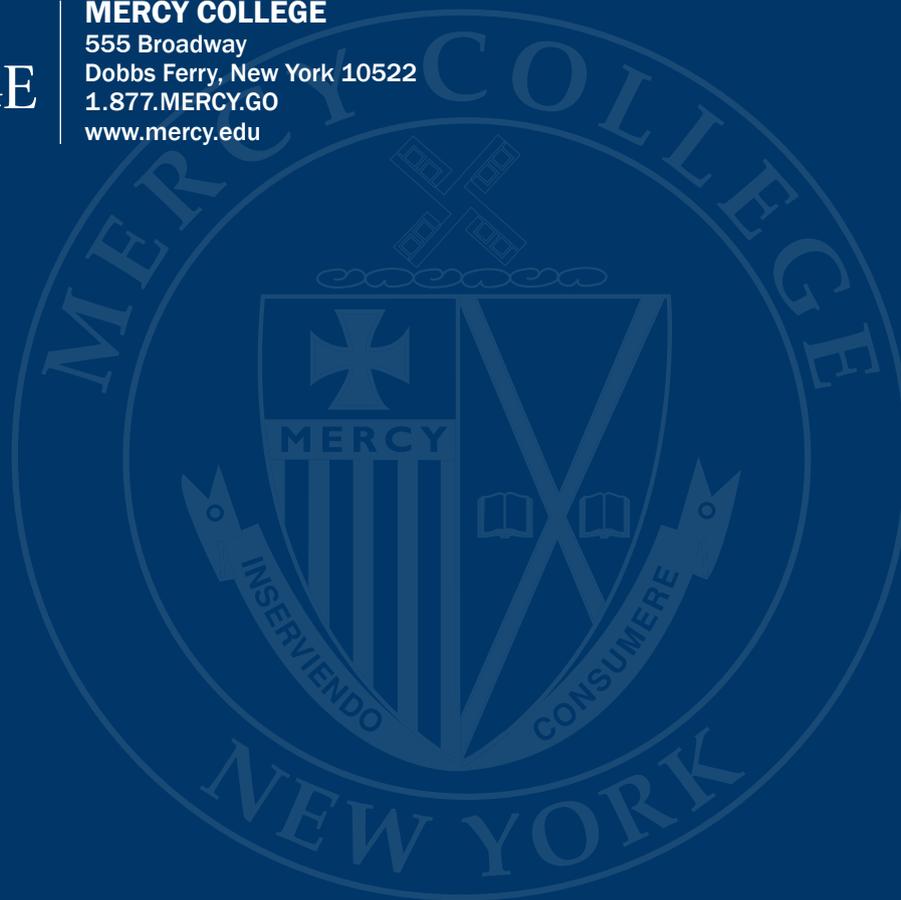
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For students who studied outside of the United States, please have your bachelor's degree transcripts evaluated by a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (naces.org). In addition, non-native speakers of English will be asked to submit TOEFL scores to complete their application package.



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