

Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling/Therapy

Master of Arts



Live Supervision, Real-World Experience

We prioritize excellence and assure that our graduates are fully prepared to work as professional counselors. Classes are small and highly interactive as you work alongside caring and approachable faculty who bring diverse counseling and research expertise to the classroom. Our students also see clients under live supervision in our state-of-the-art clinic. At UNC you'll benefit from a wide range of professional

networking opportunities in the community and beyond. Our graduates usually achieve the credential of Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) through the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) in Colorado, or the licensing agency in the states in which they reside.

Career Pathway

Graduates of our Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling/Therapy master's program go on to work in a variety of professional settings, such as:

- Substance abuse centers
- Residential treatment centers
- Private practice

Degree Options

Content courses are delivered primarily in a semester-long format and meet for three hours once per week. Courses are offered primarily Monday through Thursday, although we occasionally offer content courses in a condensed weekend format. We offer summer or fall start options in Greeley.

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery, classes start Summer or Fall semesters
- Credits Required: 66-75
- Time to Completion: 2.5 to 3 years

Related Programs

- School Counseling, M.A.
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A.
- Rehabilitation Counseling, M.A.

Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$633 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,185 per credit hour plus fees. You may qualify for CO resident tuition — see WRGP information at right.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit UNCO.EDU/COSTS.

What Students Say

“The Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling/Therapy M.A. program at UNC has offered numerous experiences that have encouraged knowledge and competency, while affording students with the skills and confidence in succeeding as a student and clinician in training. I now have opportunities that support and strengthen the lives of couples, children and their families. I remain thankful for my UNC educational experience, and especially grateful to the professors who invested and supported me throughout my program.”

-Sofia Aguilera, current Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling/Therapy master's student

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Every year a number of competitive graduate assistantships are open to students throughout campus.
- Grant funding may be available for students in this program through the (Critical Career) Colorado Graduate Grant, funded by the Colorado General Assembly. To find out if you qualify, fill out the FAFSA. Students must be a Colorado resident and show high financial need.
- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX

Faculty Spotlight

Betty Cardona, Ph.D.

Betty Cardona, Ph.D., LPC is an associate professor, 2008 graduate from University of Wyoming CACREP Accredited Counselor Education & Supervision Program. Her research interests include couples counseling, internationalization of the counseling profession and multicultural counseling. She has delivered numerous professional presentations and received research awards and grant funding in these and other areas.

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About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.



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