

# MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING (MICHIGAN)

## Student Learning Outcomes

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### PURPOSE OF THE MAC DEGREE

Ashland's counseling programs have arisen out of the assumption that all truth comes from God, including truth about the people he created. He has revealed this truth through his written Word and also has permitted us to discover truth through scientific investigation. There is great benefit, therefore, to be gained through an interdisciplinary approach to the nature of persons. Both theology and psychology are accorded mutual respect in an effort to arrive at a sophisticated philosophical and therapeutic alliance for speaking to and treating the human dilemma.

The counseling tracks directed by Ashland Theological Seminary seek to provide a knowledge and understanding of the content and procedures of counseling. They also are concerned with the evaluation of counseling in light of an evangelical exegesis of Scripture. Students are expected to determine how the significant contributions of psychology can be combined effectively in pastoral, clinical and other professional contexts.

### DEGREE DETAILS

The Detroit Counseling Program provides training to those interested in clinical expertise who also seek the ability to appropriately integrate spiritual and biblical principles to best assist those they counsel. Students have the opportunity to receive first-hand internship experience on the units of Detroit area hospitals, mental health care facilities, and private or parish counseling centers. A student may also consider taking a unit of CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) to fulfill most of his/her internship experience while completing the program.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THE MAC PROGRAM

Graduates of Ashland Theological Seminary's Master of Arts in Counseling (Michigan) degree program will be able to:

Articulate and critically reflect upon their understanding of:

- **Core Identity**, rooted in Christ, as the source from which life and ministry flow.
- **Character** that reflects maturity in Christ.
- **Calling** that is foundational for servant leadership in the church, community and world.

Demonstrate **Competence** in the disciplines and skills relevant to Christian ministry:

1. Engage in personal examination so as to strengthen their own spiritual and emotional well being and to develop personal insights and skills necessary for empathic and therapeutic interaction in a wide variety of settings.
2. Integrate biblical principles and concepts with sound counseling theory and practice.
3. Articulate the content, process, and procedures of counseling from a theistic worldview.
4. Explain the curative factors of group work on the basis of their personal observation and experience of the process.
5. Apply what they have learned from their practicum and/or internship field experiences to their work with clients.