Program Overview
This degree is designed for individuals who wish to serve as counselors in clinical-based agencies — for example, mental health, social services, college counseling and probations. The degree provides extended research-based knowledge and skill development in the areas of group and individual counseling, testing, diagnosis and treatment planning.

St. Bonaventure’s counseling programs are accredited by CACREP, The Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

Information about Certification
The degree in Counselor Education – Clinical Mental Health Counseling DOES NOT meet the criteria for professional teaching certification in the state of New York. St. Bonaventure is now an OASAS provider of the 85 required continuing education hours en route to the CASAC credential (credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor).

Admission Requirements*
Admission to this degree program is based on:
1. Official transcripts of all prior college work (3.00 GPA out of 4.00 is the working standard)
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Interview
4. Statement of intent (prompts provided)

*State law requires SBU to collect immunization records from students taking 6 or more credit hours in any semester.

Internship Requirement
Students are expected to complete two semester-long internships of 300 clock hours each, with a qualified supervisor who is licensed in a profession that is authorized to practice mental health counseling and psychotherapy in the jurisdiction AND who demonstrates competence in mental health counseling, through national certification and/or three years of licensed experience in the practice of the profession. This experience is arranged with the adviser and takes place during the final year of the program. This experience should be discussed with the adviser early in the program so the appropriate arrangements can be made.

Degree Requirements* (60 credits)
- CE 500 Research Methods
- CE 510 Introduction to the Profession of Counseling
- CE 511 Advanced Human Growth and Development
- CE 530 Techniques of Counseling
- CE 540 Abnormal Psychology
- CE 550 Group Counseling
- CE 560 Psychological Testing and Assessment
- CE 570 Career Counseling
- CE 610 Practicum in Counseling (100 hours)
- CE 625A Internship 1: CMH Counseling (300 hours)
- CE 625B Internship 2: CMH Counseling (300 hours)
- CE 634 Interventions in School and CMH Counseling
- CE 636 Seminar in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- CE 637 Management for Clinical Mental Health Programs
- CE 638 Multicultural Counseling
- CE 649 Family Counseling
- CE 652 Brief Therapy
- CE 661 Grief Counseling
- CE 640 Introduction to Addictions
- CE 642 Introduction to Crisis Counseling

*For course descriptions, go to www.sbu.edu/graduate and click on the Graduate Catalog link on the lower right.

Exit Criteria
In order to be awarded the degree in Counselor Education – Clinical Mental Health Counseling, a student will be evaluated on:
1. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (working standard)
2. Successful completion of the internship
3. Submission of a portfolio showing professional growth and accomplishments
4. Successful completion of the comprehensive exam

Locations & Formats
The program is offered in Olean and online. Olean: Traditional 15-week format; classes at 4:30 and 7:10 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; field requirements primarily during the weekdays. For online program requirements, visit online.sbu.edu.