

Forensic Mental Health Certificate

Degree Type

Certificate

If you already have a Bachelor's or Master's degree in a field such as criminal justice, psychology or law, and would like to complement that knowledge by adding a specialized focus, you may elect to complete the 18-credit Certificate in Forensic Mental Health. This certificate may be pursued as a stand-alone curriculum or may be easily combined with the 60-credit M.A. in Counseling and Community Psychology offered by the Psychology Department.

Graduates of master's level non-clinical Forensic Mental Health programs are typically not permitted to engage in the practice of psychology except in agencies that have obtained specific exemptions in law. Thus, graduates of appropriate non-clinical M.S. programs may serve in clinical capacities in these agencies. Current NYS law extends provisions establishing an exemption from licensure as a psychologist or mental health counselor for individuals employed in certain programs that are operated, regulated, funded or approved by specified forensic mental health agencies. Pursuant to the policies of Chapters 130 and 132 of the Laws of 2010, exempt NYS agencies include:

- Department of Health (DOH)
- Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)
- Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)
- Office of Mental Health (OMH)
- Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
- State Office for the Aging (SOFA)
- Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS)

Certificate Program Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
FMH/PSY 505	Introduction to Forensic Mental Health	
PSY 575	Abnormal Psychology	
FMH/PSY 515	Evaluation & Treatment of Adult Offenders	
FMH/PSY 520	Evaluation & Treatment of Court Involved Youth	
FMH 527	Family and Juvenile Law	
	FMH/LAW/PSY elective by advisement	3
	Total Credits	18