

Other Graduate Degree Programs

1. **Master of Liberal Arts**

The Master of Liberal Arts Program provides an opportunity for baccalaureate degree holders to pursue studies in the liberal arts for both personal and professional growth. The program requires a total of 30 graduate hours with 18-27 hours of concentration in English, history, or political science. In addition to a liberal arts concentration, a student must also take 6-15 hours of electives. Once a concentration choice has been made, the elective choices may come from the other areas of concentration or art history, music history, psychology, sociology, religion, and philosophy. While providing for individual development, the program extends the professional qualifications of those high school teachers who want more content courses in their particular discipline.

2. **Master in Management – Professional Leadership**

The Master's in Professional Leadership (MIM) at Converse is a 30-hour master's program which provides a comprehensive grounding in professional leadership development with potential for graduates to advance to the EdD in Professional Leadership program. This degree will focus on the application of leadership in a variety of contexts, and is appropriated for individuals in a broad range of professional roles.

3. **Master of Marriage and Family Therapy**

The Master of Marriage and Family Therapy is designed to meet the academic and clinical practicum requirements for Clinical Member with the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in South Carolina. This degree involves 48 graduate semester hours of academic coursework and 15 graduate semester hours of clinical practicum. It is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

This master degree program involves a partnership between Converse University and EMERGE Family Therapy Teaching Clinic. Converse University provides the academic coursework and EMERGE provides the clinical practicum.

4. **Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Low-Residency**

The MFA in Creative Writing is a two-year co-educational low residency program designed for serious, independent writers seeking advanced instruction in fiction, young adult fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, and environmental writing through a non-traditional course of graduate study. The program's emphasis on the mastery and understanding of writing skills and contemporary literature and craft through the master-writer and apprentice mentoring relationship, offers students a stimulating and individually tailored curriculum of courses and projects.

The degree requires 48 hours of graduate credit completed during four 9-day residencies at Converse University, offered twice annually (summer and in January), four mentoring semesters, a fifth graduating residency, the completion of a substantive analytical project on literature or craft, and a book-length creative thesis and oral defense. For more information please go to www.converse.edu/mfa.

5. **Master of Music**

The Petrie School of Music offers a broad curriculum of studies for graduate music students. The graduate program in Music Education offers both a traditional Master of Music degree for the certified teacher and a Master of Music with an Initial Certification option for those who hold undergraduate degrees in other areas of music and seeking certification. The Master of Music in Performance program offers an elite educational experience to graduate music students in their specialty areas of performance.