

## Designing Your Program Completion Timeline- MCP

Thank you for reviewing this form. It was created so you can understand how to build your own program completion timeline for the MCP program, part-time option. With any timeline of completion that you develop, please book an appointment with your faculty advisor to check your proposed timeline. Also, for any inquiries regarding scheduling, please book an appointment with a faculty advisor. (We do not review program schedules through the Self-Serve function; we only review a program schedule through an appointment with a faculty advisor.)

### Background:

The MCP program is a 55-credit, 24-month program. This is a full 24 months, so some students choose to take a little longer to complete it in its entirety. For the MCP, students have up to 5 years to complete this program. In the last section, there are a couple of outlines for different part-time opportunities in completing the MCP. A couple of things to make note of:

- There are two trajectories that you need to consider as you move through the program: (1) SJP (1<sup>st</sup> year) and (2) clinical practicum (2<sup>nd</sup> year). In the clinical trajectory, there are several prerequisites for you to take; these will be required before you can start your clinical practicum. Please see the Program Advising Sheet for the list of these required courses.
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- Additionally, the clinical trajectory has several ordered prerequisites for you to consider. You will need to take: MACP 472 & MACP 520 -> MACP 474 & MACP 505 -> MACP 473, along with the courses referred to in the above point.
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- SJP 202 and SJP 203 (and possibly SJP 204) are the courses for the Social Justice practicum. This 200-hour practicum experience can take 2-3 terms to complete. It is a good idea to get started on this experience at the start of your program. It will take a minimum of 6 months to complete.
- The MCP program has 2 starts: September and January. As such, 1<sup>st</sup> term classes as outlined in the Advising Sheets will be offered in September and January, or the Fall and Spring terms. The 2<sup>nd</sup> term classes, as outlined in the Advising Sheets, will be offered in January and May, or Spring and Summer terms. And, the 3<sup>rd</sup> term classes as outlined in the Advising Sheets will be offered in May and September, or Summer and Fall terms. The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> term classes, or 2<sup>nd</sup> year classes, are offered in every term.
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- It is a good idea to take MACP 641 earlier in your program. This is an important course for our social justice and social responsibility work. It can be a personally difficult course, as students reflect on the interpersonal/systemic injustices and their causes. It can help you decide if Adler is the correct program for you.
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- There are 2 of 5 elective courses that you need to take. These elective courses are scheduled in different terms. Please select the elective course, then take it in its respective term. These courses are: Career and Lifestyle Development (Fall Term), Introduction to Depth Psychology (Fall Term), Introduction to Addictive Disorders (Spring), Advanced Adlerian (Spring), and Introduction to Sex Therapy (Summer). In general, electives are taken in the second year, but can be taken earlier if there are no prerequisites for the elective.
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- This is an important note: the program works from the perspective of “**required course, not desired section**”. This means that if a course is required in a particular term, the program will work to ensure there is a spot for the full-time students enrolled to take it in that term. However, we do not ensure the desired sections. If there are open seats in a required course, please take advantage of these open seats. If there are no open seats in any section of a required course, please put yourself on the waitlist.
- For part-time students, please get to know your schedule and be flexible with the different iterations that your part-time schedule can take. Please think of your schedule as 1<sup>st</sup> year courses and 2<sup>nd</sup> year

courses. The 1<sup>st</sup> year courses need to be taken first because they have the prerequisites for your clinical practicum. Depending on your ideal timeline, these might be done in 1.5 to 2 years. With any timeline you build, be sure that your credits equal 55 credits, plus MACP 473 and MACP 995/MCQE.

- As part of your e-SRPP, please start working on your Indigenous Canada requirement. This too will need to be completed prior to starting your clinical practicum. You will need to complete 50 hours before you can sit for your MCQE or MACP 995. Please work on this across your program. Please don't leave this to the end of your program.

### **Full-Time, Full-Load**

This option is the 24-month completion option. This is the foundational schedule, and one with which you should become familiar. Please check the Advising Sheets for this term-by-term schedule. This schedule provides the basis for courses and sections offered in a particular term. For programs earlier than 2023, this schedule can be found in the Adler University Catalog, which can be found on Connect, under Student Services tabs, at the Registrar's site, on the far-right side of the landing page. Please look for the Catalog for the year you entered the program. For programs after Fall 2024, please refer to the advising sheets.

Full-time can mean many different things in different contexts in the university: Registrar, student loans, international visa, and the program. In the program, when we talk about "full-time", we are always meaning Full-time, Full-load, or the 24-month completion timeline as outlined in the Advising Sheets. It can be confusing, so be aware that when the program/or faculty advisors are discussing full-time, we mean Full-time, Full-load. When you are discussing student loans or student visas, full-time will have a different meaning with different credit requirements. Please become familiar with these titles or products if they apply to your program.

To remind you, for the MACP (or thesis program), these students must maintain a full-time status, as in Full-time, Full load. Also, once you start the thesis course sequence (MACP 525, 526, 527, and MACP 528), you must remain in the sequence in consecutive terms. The only way to leave the thesis course sequence is through a Leave of Absence (LOA) from the program. Please refer to the Thesis Handbook for these requirements.

### **Part-Time:**

For the Part-Time option of the MCP, your program must be finished in 5 years, which is the maximum time allowed to complete this master's program. Most part-time (PT) students complete in 3-4 years.

- As you build your completion schedule, work backwards. For a 3-year schedule, create a 9-term template. For a 4-year schedule, create a 12-term template. From the Advising Sheet, retrieve the list of the required courses for your MCP program, including the number of credits. Make sure to always count to 55 credits and check off the courses as compared to the course catalogue for your year.
- Bookend the schedule with the last term containing the MCQE. Your penultimate term (2<sup>nd</sup> to last) should have MACP 509/MACP 507, with the prior term containing MACP 508/MACP 506. The sequence should be: MACP 508/506 -> MACP 509/507 -> MACP 995 MCQE.
- Moving to the front of your schedule, your first term should contain: MACP 200 and SJP202 and MACP 472. Your second or third term should contain: MACP 201 and SJP 203 and MACP 474 and MACP 505.
- Fit the remaining 1<sup>st</sup> year classes into your schedule, before you plan to take your clinical practicum or MACP 508/506 and MACP 509/507.
- Reminder:
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Term classes are only offered in September and January.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Term classes are only offered in January and May.
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> Term classes are only offered in May and September.
- 2 of 5 Electives
  - o Fall term: (1) Introduction to Depth Psychology; (2) Career and Lifestyle
  - o Spring term: (1) Introduction to Addictive Disorders; (2) Advanced Adlerian

- Summer term: (1) Introduction to Sex Therapy
- When it comes to clinical practicum availability, September starts have the most options, followed by January starts. Try to avoid May starts whenever possible, as there are fewer options.

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### September Start- 3 year

#### Coursework Completed Prior to Practicum – 55 credits

<b>1<sup>st</sup> – September (11 credits)</b> MACP 200; SJP 202; MACP 472 MACP 641; MACP 520	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – January (11 credits)</b> MACP 201; SJP 203; MACP 474 MACP 402; MACP 505	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – May (9 credits)</b> MACP 516; MACP 517; MACP 647; SJP 204 (if needed)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – September (6-9 credits)</b>  Take 2 or 3 of the following: MACP 495 or MACP 663 or MACP 671 or MACP 337 or elective	<b>5<sup>th</sup> – January (6-9 credits)</b>  Take 2 or 3 of the following: MACP 495 or MACP 663 or MACP 671 or MACP 337 or elective	<b>6<sup>th</sup> – May (lab, plus 3-6 credits)</b> MACP 473 Take 1 of the following: MACP 495 or MACP 663 or MACP 671 or MACP 337 or elective
In this model, you would have all coursework complete prior to practicum.		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> – September (3 credits)</b> MACP 508/506	<b>8<sup>th</sup> – January (3 credits)</b> MACP 509/507	<b>9<sup>th</sup> – May (0 credits)</b> MACP 995

### September Start- 3 year

#### Coursework Integrated with Practicum – 55 credits

<b>1<sup>st</sup> – September (8 credits)</b> MACP 200; SJP 202; MACP 472 MACP 520;	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – January (8 credits)</b> MACP 201; SJP 203; MACP 505; MACP 641	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – May (6 credits)</b> MACP 474; SJP 204 (if needed) Take one of the following: MACP 516; MACP 517; MACP 647
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In this model, you would have completed all coursework to prior to starting your practicum.		
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