

Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology
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Distance Education Information and Policy

1. In order to enable applicants who live in areas far from Hilo (e.g., Kailua-Kona, Waimea, Ka'u, Honolulu, Lahaina, Hanapepe) to enroll in our program without having to physically relocate to Hilo, the program courses will be taught through the use of distance education technologies such as Hawaii Interactive Television System (HITS) and Polycom. These technologies allow for the use of **videoconferencing** in which students may attend classes in live synchronous fashion without having to physically be on the Hilo campus.
2. To be eligible to enroll in the program through the distance education modality, a student must live a minimum of 25 miles away from the UH Hilo campus. Those students who live within the 25 mile radius must attend the classes on campus.
3. For students who are enrolled in the program using the distance education modality, here are the requirements.
 - a. All students, including those who are enrolled through the distance education modality, must attend *in-person* the program orientation session that is held during the first Fall semester of their study. The orientation session usually is held during the week before the first week of Fall instructions.
 - b. Some of the program's courses will require students who are enrolled through the distance education modality to attend class *in-person* with the other students twice during the two Spring semesters. For Spring semester of the first year, the distance education students will be required to travel to Hilo to participate in two weekend-long learning experiences, one early in the semester and another later in the semester, for the following three courses: PSY603 (Psychological Assessment), PSY622 (Group Work and Counseling) and PSY624 (Counseling Skills). Courses will run from 9AM to 4PM on Saturday and from 9AM to 1PM on Sunday. For Spring semester of the second year, the distance education students will be required to travel to Hilo for a one-day intensive learning on two occasions, one early in the semester and another later in the semester, for the following two courses: PSY693/695 (Cognitive Behavior Therapy with Adults or with Children and Families) and PSY659 (Internship Supervision).

*NOTE: Students attending the program in person also are required to attend these learning activities.
 - c. All together students who are enrolled through the distance education modality will be required to be in Hilo for seven days during their two years in the

program (i.e., 1 day in Fall semester of 1st year, 4 days (2 weekends) in Spring semester of 1st year, and 2 days in Spring semester of 2nd year). All students are responsible for covering their travel cost to Hilo.

- d. Students using the distance education modality are required to participate in advising meetings with their program advisor at least two times each semester via teleconference.