

Texas A&M International University

College Of Education

Department of Professional Programs

Master of Science in School Counseling

Our Program Mission and Purpose

The primary mission of the M.S. in School Counseling Program at Texas A&M International University is to prepare highly effective culturally competent professional counselors for Texas K-12 schools and other professional settings. The program complies with the criterion established by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The curriculum combines counseling theory and technique courses with practicum and field-based internship experiences. The essence of our program's purpose is captured in the following quote by Professor George Kroetch:

"Great counselors are like great teachers...they are born, not made. But they can be made better with great training, and that is what our job is all about."



The "Adventure" Begins Here: The Degree Plan

The Master of Science Degree in School Counseling requires the completion of 48 hours of graduate coursework. The required core curriculum is comprised of 30 hours, 9 hours of practicum and internship, 9 hours of counseling related courses.



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Top Reasons Why You Should Join Our M.S. in School Counseling Program

- The students make the learning experience fun and challenging!
- 99% pass rate on the TExES 152 for School Counselors (High-Stakes Test)
- A national, state, and local need for school counselors (projected increase: 30%)
- A traditionally low student-to-professor ratio (typically 10:1)
- While learning new counseling skills, your teaching skills will improve!
- In the process of learning to help others, you'll learn more about helping yourself
- You'll be eligible for school counselor certification and licensure as a professional counselor (LPC) in Texas
- Most importantly, you will discover untapped meaning, purpose, and potential in life!

How Long Will It Take Me To Complete the Degree?

Good question! Although developing counseling skills is a developmental process, most students complete all degree requirements in two calendar years. The normal course load—assuming you have a life beyond being a "full-time" graduate student—is six graduate hours during the long semesters (fall and spring) and then 12 graduate hours during the summer while you are on vacation.

Still Interested?

Here's How to Apply

- Complete and submit University graduate application and submit official undergraduate transcripts to the Office of Graduate Studies.

- Note: A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required.

- All applications can be downloaded from applytexas.org

- GPA and life experience factors will be considered in admission decisions.

- Write a student narrative describing your career and academic goals and objectives, must contain a minimum of 300 words.

What if I Have a Master's Degree in Different Discipline?

If you have an earned master's degree in a different discipline you may apply for a Professional Counselor Certificate without completing a second master's degree in Counselor Education. You will be expected to complete approximately 36 graduate semester hours in the program; however, it should be noted that if you are also considering licensure as a professional counselor in Texas (LPC), you will be required to have the master's degree in counseling or a "related" field. Thus, nearly all students elect to complete the second master's degree. See the School Counselor Certificate Plan for specific coursework requirements that must be satisfied to qualify for certification without the second master's degree.



If you
still have
questions

Feel free to stop by the office, send an email, or call. We look forward to helping you achieve your personal and professional goals.

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