

Graduate Studies in Counseling

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Master of Arts in Counselor Education—Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program. This 60-hour program prepares counselors to work in human services settings. This program meets the academic coursework requirements for licensure by the National Board of Certified Counselors (National Certified Counselor –NCE) and the Texas Board of Professional Counselors (Licensed Professional Counselor—LPC).

Master of Education in Counselor Education—School Counseling Program. This 54-hour program prepares students to serve as counselors in educational settings at the elementary and secondary levels. This program provides academic coursework for certification as a school counselor in Texas - CSC.

Application and Admission Process

WHAT TO DO	WHEN TO DO IT	WHERE TO GET THE FORMS
Take the GRE	<p>This must be completed before you are accepted to the Graduate School at WTAMU.</p> <p>You will not be able to proceed with classes until you have taken the GRE and have been accepted to the Graduate School.</p>	<p>Contact the Graduate School office for Information on the GRE- http://www.wtamu.edu/admissions/apply_graduate.aspx</p> <p>There are local testing agencies that administer the GRE—contact the Graduate School Office.</p>
Apply for admission to the Graduate School	<p>Prior to signing up for counselor education courses an acceptance letter from the graduate school is required. Prior to interviewing with counseling program, the GRE and 12 hours of leveling courses* are needed.</p>	<p>Graduate School Office located in the Kilgore Building http://www.wtamu.edu/academic/grad/</p>
Request an advisor	<p>*You will need 12 hours of undergraduate coursework before taking counseling courses</p> <p>Before enrolling in your first semester so that transcripts can be reviewed and advising documents can be submitted.</p>	<p>12 hours of psychology or 6 hours of psychology and 6 hours of education General & Abnormal psychology are required.</p> <p>Dr. Yvette Castillo - ycastillo@wtamu.edu Dr. Melodie Frick – mfrick@wtamu.edu</p>
Start taking classes	<p>Beginning of each semester – Can take up to 6 hrs before applying to counseling program. After 6 hrs, must interview for admittance.</p>	<p>To register, your advisor must have “green lighted” you. Please talk to your advisor before beginning this process. Requires signatures.</p>
Apply for admission to the Counseling Program	<p>Deadlines for complete applications are September 15 and February 15. A Verbal GRE score of 400 or higher is required.</p>	<p>Contact the Counseling Department for an application: Formal interview and three letters of recommendation are required. Fax # 373-1658</p>
Attend the new student interview and orientation	<p>Interviews take place in October and March. Students do not receive official degree plans in counseling until they have interviewed and been accepted into the program.</p>	<p>Sign up for an interview in the WT Amarillo Center, Suite 700.</p>

Questions about Graduation Requirements

Two Tracks Available:	As of Fall 2011, West Texas A&M University Graduate Programs in Counseling will reflect CACREP alignment and the following:
What do I have to do to graduate with a M.Ed. in School Counseling?	<p>54 Semester Hours for Master's Degree/Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Students will be required to pass a written comprehensive examination❖ In addition, if seeking certification, graduates must take an exam and apply with the State Board for Educator Certification to become Certified School Counselor
What do I have to do to graduate with a M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling?	<p>60 Semester Hours for Master's Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Students will be required to pass a written comprehensive examination❖ In addition, if seeking professional licensure, graduates must take the NCE exam, Texas Jurisprudence exam, apply for temporary licensure, and complete a 3,000 clock hour supervised internship with a License Professional Counselor-Supervisor.

Questions about Graduate Courses

What courses are offered and required of either my core curriculum, or program track in the Counselor Education Graduate Program?	<p>COUN 6301 - Introduction to Clinical Mental Health Counseling COUN 6304 - Introduction to Research Methods COUN 6305 - Theories of Counseling COUN 6306 - Introduction to School Counseling COUN 6308 - Ethical Standards and Practice in Counseling COUN 6324 - Counseling Interventions with Children & Adolescents COUN 6326 - Introduction to Play Therapy COUN 6327 - Career Counseling COUN 6328 - Group Counseling COUN 6330 - Cross-cultural Counseling COUN 6340 - Consultation in Counseling COUN 6365 - Diagnosis & Treatment in Counseling COUN 6371 - Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse Treatment COUN 6372 - Assessment & Testing in Counseling COUN 6373 - Couples & Family Counseling COUN 6375 - Essential Helping Skills of Counseling COUN 6376 - Sexuality across the Lifespan COUN 6380 - Clinical Skills Laboratory COUN 6381 - Special Topics in Counseling COUN 6382 - Counselor Supervision COUN 6394 - Individual Studies in Counseling COUN 6398 - Internship in Counseling COUN 6399 - Practicum in School or Clinical Mental Health Counseling EDPD 6329 - Human Development</p>
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Course Descriptions can be provided to you by graduate faculty in the counseling program or by referring to the Fall 2011 catalog.