Master of Arts in Counseling  
(Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Track)  
Discover the Counseling Buff in You!

Who pursues this program?
- Anyone interested in working with or assisting individuals, couples, families, and groups.
- Typical academic background is psychology or education, but students from a wide variety of backgrounds are enrolled and successful in the program.
- This program may be a good fit for individuals wishing to make an impact on the mental health of others in various professional settings in the community.

How does the program work?
- 60-hour program designed to meet requirements for training and licensure in the field.
- Primarily face-to-face seminar-style courses with experiential training. Location: WT Amarillo Center.
- Offers essential training in the field of counseling intervention, diversity training and skill set.
- Students may choose to seek certification through the National Board of Certified Counselors (NCC) and the Texas State Board of Professional Counselors (LPC) post-graduation.

How will this degree benefit me?
The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is designed to meet the pre-degree academic and clinical requirements established by the Texas Board of Professional Counselors for independent practice as a Licensed Professional Counselor as well as for practice in a variety of agency settings that provide mental health services. Several of our graduates continue their education in PhD programs.

What courses will I take?
Courses are aligned with Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) standards and may include:
- Ethics, theories, cross-cultural, and career counseling
- Human development, assessment, and research
- Consultation, sexuality, and psychopharmacology
- Essential helping skills with individuals, groups, and couples
- Diagnosis and treatment and clinical skills lab
- Practicum and internship experiences

What sets this program apart from other programs?
Our program is relationship-centered, focused on the needs and goals of our students to ensure they get the education and skill set they need from their masters program. We highlight their achievements, guide them through their struggles, and help them make decisions about their future. Our overall goal is to help our students become competent and efficient, professional leaders in their field.
In addition, we offer a supervisor luncheon and training session, a practicum and internship fair, and varied practicum and internships in the field of mental health. The program also sponsors two professional conferences a year and hosts an International Honor Society in Counseling. We have research opportunities, interdisciplinary opportunities through service, travel and mentorship. While a WTAMU student, presentations at local, state, national, and international conferences is encouraged.

Currently this is the only program housed and offered through the WT Amarillo Center. Our program office is located on the 7th floor of the downtown Amarillo Chase building with classrooms on the 10th and 11th floor. Our program has a clinical training laboratory (Social Sciences and Training Research Laboratory – SSTRL) especially designed to host clients and supervision sessions. Feel free to contact ycastillo@wtamu.edu for more information on how to turn your dream of working in the mental health field a reality!

**Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines**

**Prerequisites**
- 12 hours of psychology courses and/or
- 6 hours of psychology and 6 hours of education courses
- General psychology and abnormal psychology are required

**Admission Requirements**
- Completion of departmental application, including:
  - Three letters of recommendation.
  - Resume/Curriculum Vitae
  - Formal interview with program advisor and faculty.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher in the last 60 hours of coursework.

- All students are conditionally admitted for the first six hours and may complete the admissions process while enrolled in these hours. However, students must submit all official undergraduate transcripts and acceptable GRE to the graduate school before granted conditional admittance status.

- After receiving a letter of acceptance from the graduate school along with a WT ID #, students will be allowed to register for classes. Contact a faculty member within the program for advising and green light status: Dr. Yvette Castillo is happy to help.

**Suggested Deadlines to Apply**
- August 1 for Fall admission
- December 1 for Spring admission
- May 1 for Summer admission

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