COUNSELING

Master of Education in Counseling
(Certified School Counselor (CSC) Track)

Who pursues this program?
- Anyone interested in working with or assisting children and families in school settings.
- 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 needs of students and school communities.
- Teachers, counselors, school administrators, other education personnel, or professionals in the field of psychology are great candidates.

How does the program work?
- 36-hour program designed to meet requirements for training and certification in the field.
- Online Courses
- Offers essential training in the field of counseling intervention, diversity training and skill set.
- Students may choose to seek to take the certification test (Test # 152) through the Texas Educational Agency (TEA) after completing two years of TEA approved classroom teaching and passing program comprehensive exams.
- Students become eligible for the Standard Certification as a School Counselor (CSC) after passing the state counseling exam, obtaining the MEd degree in school counseling, and submitting an application through WT’s Certification Officer, Gilbert Antunez.

How will this degree benefit me?
The School Counseling program is designed to meet the pre-degree academic and internship requirements established by the Texas State Department of Education for licensure as pre-K-12 school counselors.

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
- Introduction to school counseling, consultation, and psychopharmacology
- Essential helping skills with the ASCA model for individuals and groups
- 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 earn 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.

Our program office is located on the 7th floor of the downtown Amarillo Chase building. 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 legreen@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
“Discover the Counseling Buff in You!”

Admission Requirements
- Admission by the graduate school.
- Complete program application located online: [www.wtamu.edu/academics/counseling-masters-education-school.aspx](http://www.wtamu.edu/academics/counseling-masters-education-school.aspx)
- Interview for the counseling program.
- Three letters of recommendation with at least one from a school administrator familiar with your work.
- Undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher in the last 60 hours of coursework.
- Teacher certification, with one year of classroom teaching experience is highly preferred, but applicants will need to have an affiliation with a school in order to complete practicum requirements. Students who are unable to set up a practicum in K-12 settings (public or private) will not be permitted to advance in the program.

Admissions Process
- Step One:
  Apply to the West Texas A&M University Graduate School. Students may find additional information in applying to the Graduate School at: [http://www.wtamu.edu/academics/graduate-school.aspx](http://www.wtamu.edu/academics/graduate-school.aspx).
  (Note: Admittance by the Graduate School does not guarantee acceptance into the Counselor Education program).
- Step Two:
  Submit the completed formal program application form to the Counselor Education Department.
  Please see the appendix for application and reference forms for application to the counseling program.
- Step Three:
  Participate in the formal interview with Counselor Education Program faculty. The Counselor Education Program faculty process applications once a semester. After formal interview and final decisions are reached, all applicants are notified by mail by the Counselor Education faculty.

Note: Taking additional hours within the LPC track (along the way) or post-graduation will assist CSC track students become eligible for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor through the Texas State Board of Professional Counselors (LPC) post-graduation.

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

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