

Master of Science in Counseling

The graduate program in counseling offers a 49 hour, non-thesis Master's degree. The mission of the graduate program in counseling is to prepare effective and innovative professional counselors with high moral and ethical standards who view themselves as agents of change and who are committed to the welfare of clients and have the understandings, attitudes, and skills necessary for effective counseling. The graduate program utilizes an innovative one-track program allowing graduates of the program to obtain a licensure as a marriage and family therapist and as a licensed professional counselor. Students have the option of pursuing one of these clinical designations. Graduates of this program can meet and exceed the academic requirements for licensure as a professional counselor and/or a marriage and family therapist in the state of Texas. The M.S. in counseling is designed to be completed in 24 months. Included in the 49 hours of course work is a clinical practicum of 700 hours of supervised therapy for which the student receives nine hours of credit. The practicum must be completed in 12 consecutive months during the second or third year. This program is designed to train counselors capable of contributing to the mental health care of children, adolescents, and adults experiencing mental, emotional, and behavioral difficulties. Graduates from this program will generally find employment in a school, social service agency, or church. Students seeking licensure as a marriage and family therapist or as a professional counselor in the state of Texas must complete a sufficient number of post-master's supervised clinical hours to be eligible to apply for state licensure. In addition, they must pass a licensure exam administered by the state licensing board. The purpose of the M.S. in Counseling is to challenge students to know the literature in counseling and to engage students in research and/or professional practice. Overall, graduate counseling courses are designed to train students to, (1) recognize developmental issues in individuals and families, (2) administer and interpret assessments of individuals and families, (3) implement effective individual, group, and family counseling interventions, (4) utilize research to develop counseling programs, (5) provide leadership for counseling and guidance programs, and (6) adhere to ethical, moral, and legal guidelines for providing counseling services to clients.

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COU	5141	Christian Worldview in Counseling
COU	5310	Individual and Family Lifespan Development
COU	5320	Research in Counseling
COU	5340	Professional Issues, Ethics, and Law
COU	5352	Assessment of Individuals and Families
COU	5353	Psychopathology of Individuals and Families
COU	5360	Counseling Theory and Practice
COU	5361	Techniques of Individual and Family Counseling
COU	5362	Career Counseling
COU	5363	Group Psychotherapy

COU 5364 Crisis Counseling
COU 5381 Foundations of Marital and Family Therapy
COU 5382 Marital and Premarital Counseling
COU 5383 Counseling Children, Adolescents and Their Families
COU 5391 Counseling Practicum
COU 5392 Counseling Internship I
COU 5393 Counseling Internship II
Comprehensive Written Examination