Purpose of Program
The Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision is intended to prepare professionals for future careers in academic, clinical, research, and consultation settings. This degree program is nationally accredited through the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Program graduates will have opportunities to acquire: (a) advanced theoretical knowledge, (b) advanced clinical skills, (c) research skills, and (d) advanced clinical supervision skills necessary to work in academic counselor education departments, and in school and community practice. Students will be expected to formulate their own philosophy and approach to the counselor education field. Multicultural competencies will be emphasized throughout the program.

The Doctoral program objectives include opportunities for:

- Research
- Scholarly writing
- Clinical supervision with practicum students
- Supervised co-teaching experiences
- Advanced clinical competencies
- Advanced multicultural competencies

Program Options
Students pursuing the degree will be required to pass a qualifying examination prior to admission and candidacy. All candidates will be required to submit a scholarly contribution in the form of a dissertation as partial fulfillment of the requirements for this Doctorate (see dissertation handbook). All students will be evaluated by the fitness to practice policy of the Department (see doctoral handbook).

Foundation courses (48 semester credit hour or equivalent)
Master’s degree coursework

General core courses (37 semester credit hours)
COU 6003 Consultation and Program Evaluation
COU 6323 Advanced Psychological Assessment
COU 7121 College and University Teaching Seminar
COU 7133 Seminar in Professional Development
COU 7213 Advanced Theories of Counseling
COU 7283 Advanced Multicultural Counseling
COU 7313 Practicum in Counseling
COU 7383 Advanced Practicum in Multicultural Counseling
COU 7413 Internship I
COU 7513 Internship II
COU 7583 Supervision of Counseling
COU 7593 Practicum in Counseling Supervision
COU 7893 Advanced Research in Counseling and Development

Research courses (12 semester credit hours)
COU 6893 Foundations of Research in Counseling and Development
COU 7103 Qualitative Research Methods in Counseling and Development
EDU 7043 Educational Research Statistics: Descriptive and Comparative
EDU 7063 Inferential Statistics

Approved emphasis curriculum area courses (9 semester credit hours)
Dissertation (9 semester credit hours)
COU 7993 Dissertation
COU 7996 Dissertation

Career Opportunities
Individuals with this degree are eligible to work as faculty members in counselor education programs and serve in clinical leadership, supervisory, and research-intensive positions within city state and federal agencies or organizations. Graduates may also obtain positions in college counseling centers, private practices and non-profit social service agencies.
Admission Requirements

- A master’s degree in counseling or approved related mental health field** with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in that master’s degree coursework
- For applicants whose native language is not English, a score of at least 600 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL; paper version)
- Submission of a portfolio for evaluation by the Doctoral Program Committee consisting of the following:
  1. College transcript documenting master’s degree and GPA in counseling or approved field**
  2. Three letters of recommendation attesting to the student’s academic and personal attributes, potential both for success in the program, and contributing substantially to a field of study related to the degree
  3. A written personal statement/essay describing research interests and purpose for pursuing the degree
  4. For applicants whose native language is not English, proof of TOEFL Score
  5. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test scores (not older than five years)
  6. Documented experience in a work environment (formal positions or internships) where counseling was the primary professional emphasis (may include but not limited to one-on-one counseling, counseling for couples, psychological assessment and testing, group or community counseling)
  7. Professional résumé listing prior experiences in the field of counseling
  8. Successful completion of a finalist interview with the admissions committee

How to Apply

Apply through the UTSA Graduate School

- graduateschool.utsa.edu

Send all USPS mail (transcripts, etc.) to:

The University of Texas at San Antonio
Attn: The Graduate School
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- education.utsa.edu/counseling
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Graduate School

- graduateschool.utsa.edu
- graduestudies@utsa.edu
- 210.458.4330

Financial Aid

- utsa.edu/financialaid
- 210.458.8000 (general line)
- 210.458.7169 (appointments)

Financial Aid and Scholarships

To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA)

- fafsa.ed.gov

Graduate assistantship positions available within the college (average of 19 hours per week)

Additional graduate student scholarship information:

- graduateschool.utsa.edu/funding
- utsa.edu/scholarships
- education.utsa.edu/current_students/scholarships