Purpose of Program

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) in School Counseling program prepares multi-culturally competent, professional school counselors. This degree program is nationally accredited through the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Program graduates will demonstrate the necessary knowledge, skills, identity and scholarship for a successful school counseling career. Developmental and relational processes, creativity, ethics, and diversity are emphasized and taught through relationships developed with students, area school districts, communities and other university programs. Graduates will apply the knowledge, skills, ethics and professionalism acquired in the program to the diverse, multicultural populations this career field services.

Program Options

The 48-semester credit hour program offers advanced study and professional development in the field of school counseling. Once admitted to the program, students must also complete a separate state application to the School Counselor Certification Program.

To receive state certification as a professional school counselor, students must:

- Complete the masters degree program,
- Pass the required School Counselor Certification Exam, AND
- Complete two years of teaching experience before certification is conferred

The Counseling Department and the UTSA Sarabia Family Counseling Center are conveniently located at the UTSA Downtown Campus, offering graduate students easy access to their coursework, resources and faculty.

Career Opportunities

Upon graduation and state certification, a variety of career opportunities in education, non-profit, private, state and federal sectors are available, including: elementary, middle and high school counselor positions; at-risk specialty counseling positions; college admissions, compensatory, special education and other school district identified areas of need; and guidance and counseling coordinator or director positions (with advanced supervision/administration training).
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