Bilingual Counseling Certificate (BCC)

Purpose of Program
The Bilingual Counseling Certificate program (BCC) addresses the needs of prospective students interested in developing foundational skills in bilingual counseling with an emphasis on Spanish. The certificate coursework provides students with a strong linguistic background in Spanish and provides opportunities to learn about cultural factors impacting the Latino/a culture. Additionally, the certificate focuses on improving language skills, and targets opportunities to apply this learning to relevant counseling contexts via supervised counseling experience with Spanish-speaking clients.

Program Options
The Bilingual Counseling Certificate program requires students to complete 12 credit hours (4 graduate courses), a language assessment, and a capstone project that includes providing counseling sessions in Spanish.

- **BBL 5023**  Cultural Adaptation in Bilingual Societies
- **BBL 6033**  Topics in Bicultural Studies
- **COU 7283**  Advanced Multicultural Counseling
- **COU 7383**  Advanced Practicum in Multicultural Counseling

Career Opportunities
The BCC program prepares students to provide high quality services to the growing number of Spanish speaking clients. Obtaining this certificate may increase certificate recipients’ competitiveness for job opportunities in the Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling fields.

“The Bilingual Counseling Certificate provides a beneficial foundation for providing counseling services to the Spanish-speaking Latino population. Counseling in Spanish is not just about having language fluency, it is also about applying interventions appropriately and understanding the client’s worldview. The Certificate in Bilingual Counseling goes beyond language by addressing culture and bilingual counseling in practice.”

–Julieta Rubio, Counselor Education Student
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