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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A variety of career opportunities are available upon graduation and state certification in education, non-profit, private, state and federal sectors. These opportunities may include elementary, middle and high school counselor positions; at-risk specialty counseling positions, compensatory, special education and other school district identified areas of need; and guidance and counseling coordinator or director positions (with advanced supervision/administration training). The average salary for students completing this degree is $57,040.

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 master's 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. Students who attend part time (6 hours each semester) complete the program in 3 years on average.
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must hold a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) during the last 60 hours of their undergraduate studies to be eligible for admission to the counseling program. If the applicant's GPA is between 2.7-2.99, probationary admission may be granted and the student must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA during the first 12 hours of coursework.
- Applicants should complete three Applicant Rating Forms and provide a two-page narrative statement addressing the assigned prompts.
- International students must have a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 600 (paper) or 100 (Internet).
- Current requirements, forms, and directions are available on the UTSA Graduate Catalog.

* Students who do not meet the minimum admission requirements should contact the program's Student Development Specialist and consult the Graduate School Catalog for more information, special, or conditional admissions.

HOW TO APPLY

- Apply through the UTSA Graduate School:
  > graduateschool.utsa.edu

- Send electronic transcripts to:
  • graduate.documents@utsa.edu

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

- To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA):
  > studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

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

- Additional graduate student scholarship information:
  > graduateschool.utsa.edu/tuition-funding/
  > future.utsa.edu/scholarships/
  > education.utsa.edu/current_students/scholarships

Cost of Tuition:
  > utsa.edu/fiscalservices/tuition.cfm