

# CLINICAL SCHOOL COUNSELING

MASTER OF SCIENCE

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Clinical School Counseling Program is designed to prepare you for the role of a professional school counselor adept at developing comprehensive guidance plans to promote the academic, personal, social, and career development appropriate to K – 12 educational environments. You will become skilled in providing developmental and responsive prevention and intervention services to students and families within schools in addition to coordinating services with programs and agencies within the school and in the community. As a professional school counselor, you will also provide direct services to students and collaborate and partner with other professionals and your community to promote the growth and well-being of students.

A master's degree in school counseling from UNT Dallas offers an excellent foundation to begin your career in counseling in a school setting. Students are admitted with bachelor's degrees in education, psychology, social work and a variety of disciplines as well as a breadth of professional experience. **Teaching experience is no longer required for school counseling certification in Texas.**

## CAREER OPTIONS

Elementary, Middle, or Secondary  
School Counselors  
Special Education Counselors  
Career Counselors  
School & Community Service  
Managers

Social & Human Service Assistants  
Substance Abuse, Behavior Disorder  
& Mental Health Technicians  
Training & Development Specialists  
College Counselors  
Community Agency Counselors

## DELIVERY MODE

Face to face (with a few hybrid and online) course offerings; weekday evenings.

## START TERMS

Fall, Spring

## PROGRAM LENGTH

Part-time: 3.5 yrs, Full-time: 2.5 yrs

## NUMBER OF CREDITS

60 Credit Hours

## GRADUATE FACULTY

**Dr. Samuel Boré**  
Counseling Program Director

**Jennifer Baggerly Ph.D.**  
LPC-S, RPT-S, Counseling Professor

**Yu-Fen Lin Ph.D.**  
LPC-S, Counseling Professor

**Deborah Ferguson-Cain, Ph.D.**  
LPC-S, Counseling Lecturer

**Joy Olivera, Ph.D.**  
Counseling Lecturer

The Clinical School Counseling program is fully accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the premiere accrediting body for graduate counseling programs.

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# CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

60 CREDIT HOURS

## CORE COURSES • 30 HOURS

**COUN 5680** – Basic Counseling Skills

**COUN 5710** – Counseling Theories

**COUN 5100** – Counseling Professional Orientation & Ethical Practice

**COUN 5050** – Foundations of Educational Research Methodology

**COUN 5470** – Career Development and Information Resources

**COUN 5660** – Advanced Counseling Skills

**COUN 5670** – Developmental Processes and Strategies

**COUN 5740** – Group Counseling Theories and Procedures

**COUN 5765** – Appraisal in Counseling

**COUN 5790** – Counseling Culturally Diverse Clients

## CLINICAL COURSES • 9 HOURS

*(TEA requires a minimum of 160 hours of direct school counseling practice in clinical classes)*

**COUN 5690** – Practicum in Counseling

**COUN 5720** – Internship in Counseling I

**COUN 5721** – Internship in Counseling II

## PRACTICUM/FIELD EDUCATION

Supervised Practicum and Internships are completed near the end of the student's program. Students must apply for practicum and internship and get approval from the practicum/internship coordinator one semester before enrolling in the classes.

## TRACK SPECIFIC COURSES • 21 HOURS

**COUN 5300** – Organizational Systems & Advanced Ethics in CMHC

**COUN 5341** – Advanced School Counseling

**COUN 5461** – Professional School Counseling

**COUN 5480** – Diagnosis & Treatment

**COUN 5490** – Crisis Intervention Counseling

**COUN 5610** – Addiction Counseling

*Select one of the following:*

**COUN 5200** – Counseling Adolescents

**COUN 5302** – Foundations of College and Career Readiness

**COUN 5700** – Introduction to Play Therapy

## CERTIFICATION

This program is recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as an approved Educator Preparation Program for School Counselors; it qualifies students to meet the course requirements to become School Counselors certified by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification. Students must pass all appropriate state certification exams which includes the TExES 252 School Counselor Exam. Our school counseling students will also meet the criteria to become Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) by completing the appropriate additional coursework within their school counseling degree. In addition, Clinical School Counseling students can earn a Certificate in College and Career Readiness.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply at [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org)
- Pay \$50 application fee
- Request official transcripts

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Program Application
- 3 Recommendation Forms
- Essay
- Interview
- Onsite Essay (*Applicants will be required to write an essay during interview*)

## TUITION AND FEES

**COST PER CREDIT HOUR \$376.31**

**6 CREDIT HOURS \$2,132.86**

**9 CREDIT HOURS \$3,186.79**

*Tuition and fees are subject to changes. For more information visit: [untDallas.edu/sbs/tuition-and-fees](http://untDallas.edu/sbs/tuition-and-fees)*

**Ready to  
get started?**

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