

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

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The mission of the TWU Doctoral Program in Counseling Psychology is to prepare highly competent, diversity-sensitive professional psychologists. It is the only explicitly **feminist**-multicultural program in the U.S.

The Ph.D. program in counseling psychology provides systematic training within a Practitioner-Scientist model to prepare students for the practice of psychology in a wide range of professional mental health settings. The model provides clear training in both practice and science, emphasizes practice informed by science, and prepares students to be both producers and consumers of research.

Given the Practitioner-Scientist model, advanced training in psychotherapy and psychological assessment are central foci. Students are expected to develop sophisticated theoretical understandings through exposure to multiple perspectives and to develop substantive therapeutic skills. Training in assessment builds a foundation for mastering cognitive, vocational, and objective psychological measures. Academic program coursework, as well as practicum training, are designed to support these strengths.

The doctoral program in counseling psychology is rooted in the following aims. Most program activities and evaluations are linked to these fundamental items.

- **Aim #1:** To prepare competent practitioners of professional psychology.
- **Aim #2:** To prepare diversity-sensitive professional psychologists.
- **Aim #3:** To prepare professional psychologists who are competent consumers and/or producers of research.
- **Aim #4:** To prepare professional psychologists who understand and embrace the identity of a Counseling Psychologist.