

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

The School Counseling Certificate program prepares Post-Master's students to successfully become eligible for a school counseling certification in public schools in the Texas Public School System. The goal of the certificate is to provide a base of coursework necessary for the taking of the state school counseling exam as well as obtaining employment as a school counselor in the Texas Public School System. Further, it prepares students to successfully execute a school counseling guidance program by aligning coursework with the ASCA (American School Counseling Association) model. Therefore, this certificate program is an approach integrating basic counseling skills and school counseling requirements into a coherent study. Completing this certificate makes the candidate a viable employment option for school districts seeking a school counselor on the elementary or secondary public school levels. Coursework in the certificate program emphasizes the multicultural demographics that exist in the school systems as well as ways to serve these populations' respective needs. The coursework offered emphasizes the creative use of presenting school guidance programs to students, allowing for potential candidates to find purpose, meaning and the use of individual pioneering spirits in their field of expertise. This eventually may lead to a professional fulfilling life as they are encouraged to amalgamate didactic practices with an inspired approach.

In addition to this certificate, students must satisfy other state mandated criteria for certification in school counseling, which includes holding a teaching certificate in Texas and having taught as the teacher of record in a public or accredited private school for a minimum of two years.

Special Note

FS 5363, 5373, 5903 (all), 5364, and 5894 must be taken through the Counseling and Development Program at TWU. Any grade of "C" or "PR" requires that the course be retaken before credit is given on the deficiency plan. Any student with two grades of "C" or "PR" in any coursework will be dismissed from the Counseling and Development Program. A minimum of 15 hours of the deficiency plan must be completed at TWU.

Practicum and Internship experiences must be completed in a TEA accredited school.

Post-master's Certificate in School Counseling Program of Study (44 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	SCHs
FS 5003	Lifespan Human Development	3
FS 5173	Abnormal Behavior: Crisis Impacts and Treatments	3
FS 5303	Professional Orientation and Ethics in Counseling	3
FS 5313	Counseling Theory and Practice	3
FS 5323	Psychological Appraisal of the Individual	3
FS 5364	Practicum in Counseling and Development	4
FS 5443	Multicultural Counseling	3
FS 5453	Counseling for Career Development	3

FS 5903	Special Topics (Foundations of School Counseling)	3
FS 5903	Special Topics (Critical Issues in School Counseling)	3
FS 5903	Special Topics (Applied Skills in School Counseling)	3
FS 5363	Prepracticum (Prerequisites: FS 5003, 5303, 5313 *must be taken concurrently with FS 5373)	3
FS 5373	Group Counseling Procedures (Prerequisites: FS 5003, 5303, 5313 *must be taken concurrently with FS 5363)	3
FS 5894	Internship in Counseling (Prerequisites: FS 5003, 5303, 5313, 5363, 5373, 5364)	4
Total SCHs		44