

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/human-development-family-studies-counseling/graduate-programs/counseling-development/>

## Degree Requirements

### Total Semester Credit Hours Required

61 semester credit hours (SCH), in either of the focal areas of interest:

- Professional School Counseling:** Designed to meet the School Counselor educational requirements of the State Board for Educator Certification.
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling:** Designed to meet the educational requirements for Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).

### Special Requirements

No grade below B is accepted towards any graduate degree in the Department of Human Development, Family Studies, and Counseling (HDFSC). If more than one grade below B is earned while enrolled in any HDFSC graduate program, the student will be dismissed from the program and ineligible to apply for admission to another HDFSC program for a period of six years. In addition, students enrolled in the M.S. in Counseling and Development program who earn a grade of PR twice in COUN 5363, COUN 5364, COUN 5373, or COUN 5894; or who earn one grade below B in another course and a PR in any of the aforementioned courses; will be dismissed from the program.

Additional information about specific program requirements can be found in the Counseling and Development Student Handbook.

### Final Examination

In addition to the completion of a professional portfolio, students must complete a final examination consisting of an oral defense of this document. The student's advisory committee determines the outcome of the exam. The advisory committee should consist of three Counseling and Development faculty members, all of whom must hold Graduate Faculty status.

### Emphasis in Professional School Counseling

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Counseling Core</b>		
9 SCH to be completed within the first 21 SCH of coursework.		
COUN 5303	Professional Orientation and Ethics in Counseling	3
COUN 5313	Counseling Theory and Practice	3
COUN 5443	Multicultural Counseling	3
<b>Additional Counseling Core</b>		
HDFS 5003	Lifespan Human Development	3
COUN 5173	Abnormal Behavior: Crisis Impacts and Treatments	3
COUN 5323	Psychological Appraisal of the Individual	3
COUN 5353	Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Counselors	3
COUN 5453	Counseling for Career Development	3

HDFS 5931	Professional Portfolio	1
<b>School Counseling Specialty</b>		
COUN 5033	Foundations of School Counseling	3
COUN 5043	Critical Issues in School Counseling	3
COUN 5053	Applied Skills in School Counseling	3
<b>Research</b>		
HDFS 5693	Research Methods in Family Sciences	3
<b>Electives</b>		
One course in couples, marriage, or families (consult with your Advisor - required for LPC track)		3
Select one of the following		3
COUN 5083	Counseling an Aging Population	
COUN 5143	Addiction Counseling (required for LPC track)	
COUN 5163	Play Therapy	
COUN 5293	Advanced Play Therapy: Theories and Applications	
COUN 5383	Counseling Children and Adolescents	
COUN 5483	Expressive Arts in Counseling	
COUN 5493	Clinical Mental Health Counseling: Ethics, Law, and Practice (required for LPC track)	
HDFS 5183	Grief and Bereavement	
<b>Clinical Competencies</b>		
COUN 5363	Prepracticum (required after completion of Counseling Core and prior to completion of 30 hours)	3
COUN 5373	Group Counseling Procedures (taken concurrently with Prepracticum)	3
COUN 5364	Practicum in Counseling and Development (1 semester)	4
COUN 5894	Internship in Counseling (2 semesters)	8
Total SCHs		61

### Emphasis in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Counseling Core</b>		
9 SCH to be completed within the first 21 SCH of coursework.		
COUN 5303	Professional Orientation and Ethics in Counseling	3
COUN 5443	Multicultural Counseling	3
COUN 5313	Counseling Theory and Practice	3
<b>Additional Counseling Core</b>		
HDFS 5003	Lifespan Human Development	3
COUN 5143	Addiction Counseling	3
COUN 5173	Abnormal Behavior: Crisis Impacts and Treatments	3
COUN 5323	Psychological Appraisal of the Individual	3
COUN 5353	Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning for Counselors	3
COUN 5453	Counseling for Career Development	3
HDFS 5931	Professional Portfolio	1
<b>Clinical Mental Health Counseling Specialty</b>		
COUN 5493	Clinical Mental Health Counseling: Ethics, Law, and Practice	3
<b>Research</b>		

HDFS 5693	Research Methods in Family Sciences	3
<b>Electives</b>		
One course in couples, marriage, or families (consult with your Advisor)		3
Choose two of the following		6
COUN 5083	Counseling an Aging Population	
COUN 5163	Play Therapy	
COUN 5293	Advanced Play Therapy: Theories and Applications	
COUN 5383	Counseling Children and Adolescents	
COUN 5483	Expressive Arts in Counseling	
HDFS 5183	Grief and Bereavement	
<b>Clinical Competencies</b>		
COUN 5363	Prepracticum (required after completion of Counseling Core & prior to completion of 30 hours)	3
COUN 5373	Group Counseling Procedures (taken concurrently with Prepracticum)	3
COUN 5364	Practicum in Counseling and Development (1 semester)	4
COUN 5894	Internship in Counseling (2 semesters)	8
Total SCHs		61