

## Graduate Behavioral Sciences

Graduates will have the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary for effective intervention in working with individuals, families, and communities. Each of the graduate faculty hold doctorates and have extensive experience in working with families in churches and social service agencies. Each graduate class is designed to help students master the competencies of an effective practitioner. Curriculum utilized in the graduate program has a strong base in current research and current best practices in the field.

### Faculty

- Beth Robinson, Ed.D.
- Kaylene Brown, Ph.D.
- Jonna Byars, Ph.D.
- Shauna Frisbie, Ed.D.
- Michael Hardin, Ph.D.
- Beth Hennington, Ed.D.
- Chris Hennington, Ph.D.
- LynnAnne Joiner Lowrie, Ph.D.
- Carlos Perez, Ph.D.

### Degrees

To earn a degree, students must complete the curriculum and meet other requirements for a degree listed in the academic policy section of this catalog.

- [Master of Science in Human Services](#)
- [Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling](#)
- [Master of Science in School Counseling](#)

### Certification Program

- [School Counselor Certification](#)

### Master of Science in Human Services

The Master of Science in Human Services is a program offered in an online format.

(36 hours)

Program Core (21 hours)

- HSC6300 Human Services Theory and Practice
- HSC6309 Crisis Intervention
- HSC6310 Social Development of Individuals and Families
- HSC6323 Family Systems
- HSC6332 Helping Professions and Public Policy
- HSC6333 Ethics in the Helping Professions
- HSC6334 Conflict Resolution

Counseling Specialization (15 hours)

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Family Life Educator Specialization (15 hours)

- HSC6301 Marital and Family Education
- HSC6315 Parent Education
- HSC6322 Human Sexuality
- HSC6324 Family Resource Management
- HSC6390 Family Life Education Practicum

Non-Profit Leadership Specialization (15 hours)

- HSC6340 Human Resources in Human Services Organizations
- HSC6342 Development in Human Services
- HSC6344 Human Services Administration
- HSC6346 Program Planning and Evaluation
- HSC6391 Human Services Capstone Project

### **Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

The Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is a program offered online. This program is designed to prepare students for licensing as a counselor in the State of Texas. The university cannot confirm whether the program meets requirements for licensing in any other state. Students seeking licensing in another state assume responsibility to determine whether the program meets licensing requirements in that state.

(60 hours)

- COU5310 Individual and Family Lifespan Development
- COU5314 Assessment of Individuals and Families
- COU5315 Advanced Assessment
- COU5320 Research in Counseling
- COU5340 Professional Issues, Ethics, and Law
- COU5342 Advanced Ethics
- COU5353 Psychopathology of Individuals and Families
- COU5355 Advanced Psychopathology
- COU5360 Counseling Theory and Practice
- COU5361 Techniques of Individual and Family Counseling
- COU5362 Career Counseling
- COU5363 Group Psychotherapy
- COU5364 Crisis Counseling
- COU5381 Foundations of Marital and Family Therapy
- COU5383 Counseling Children, Adolescents and their Families
- COU5384 Addictions
- COU5385 Multicultural Counseling
- COU5391 Counseling Practicum
- COU5392 Counseling Internship I
- COU5393 Counseling Internship II
- COU6062 Comprehensive Examination

### **Master of Science in School Counseling**

Student must first be admitted to the School of Education using a separate application. Teacher certification, teaching experience, and a criminal background check is required to be certified as a school counselor in Texas. Students from other states should evaluate the program to determine if it is acceptable as preparation for certification in their states.

(36 hours)

- COU5310 Individual and Family Lifespan Development
- COU5314 Assessment of Individuals and Families
- COU5320 Research in Counseling
- COU5340 Professional Issues, Ethics, and Law
- COU5343 Introduction to School Counseling
- COU5360 Counseling Theory and Practice
- COU5361 Techniques of Individual and Family Counseling
- COU5362 Career Counseling
- COU5363 Group Psychotherapy
- COU5364 Crisis Counseling
- COU5383 Counseling Children, Adolescents and Their Families
- COU5391 Counseling Practicum
- COU6062 Comprehensive Examination

### **School Counselor Certification**

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(18 hours)

- COU5340 Professional Issues, Ethics, and Law
- COU5343 Introduction to School Counseling
- COU5362 Career Counseling
- COU5363 Group Psychotherapy
- COU5383 Counseling Children, Adolescents and Their Families
- COU5391 Counseling Practicum