

PH.D. IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION

Program Description

The Counselor Education doctoral program provides the highest professional degree available to students who aspire to leadership positions in counselor education and school counseling. The degree includes a prescribed curriculum of required and elective courses for a minimum of sixty-nine hours of graduate credit. However, the doctoral degree is awarded on the basis of successful completion of this coursework and completion of a major research study resulting in the presentation and defense of a dissertation.

Students who complete the doctoral degree in counselor education will be able to:

- apply counseling theory and research to the counselor education and/or school counseling leadership functions
- plan and deliver research-based counselor education didactic courses
- apply counselor supervision theory and research to individual and group supervision in counselor education and school counseling programs
- use advanced level communication and interpersonal skills in consultation, counseling, counselor education, supervision, and evaluation
- interpret the relationships among federal, state, and local agencies and the laws and ethical considerations applicable to the counselor education and school counseling program management fields
- apply advanced level diagnostic and assessment methodology, and develop the capacity to teach appropriate treatment plans for a wide range of psychological concerns to master's level students
- demonstrate multicultural awareness and competence during doctoral level counseling, supervision, and consultation
- incorporate adult education pedagogy and research as a basic tool in administering counselor education and staff development programs
- design doctoral-level counseling research and interpret results
- apply data to advanced level counseling capabilities and school counseling leadership functions
- successfully complete extensive internship experiences directly related to the student's individual professional goals.

Admissions

Admission requires devoting a significant amount of time to the program. The inability to devote the necessary time will require the individual to drop out of the program.

This program follows a cohort model. This means that individuals are admitted to a specific group, called a cohort, and are required to take their coursework at the same time as the other individuals in the cohort. Cohorts begin in May or June of each year. In the event that students encounter personal emergencies that result in dropping out of the normal schedule, they may be required to join another cohort with a different schedule.

The application deadline is December 1st.

Applicants seeking admission to the doctoral program in Counselor Education must submit the following directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcript(s) showing receipt of a baccalaureate degree and a master's degree from an accredited institution
4. Official GRE scores
5. Program application and fee
6. Personal statement (1000 words maximum)
7. Five Reference Evaluation Forms, three from officials in schools or mental health agencies where the applicant has been employed and two from current or former graduate-level professors (Note: These must be "closed" recommendations)

Applicants should have a master's degree in counseling or a closely related field (i.e., one that is accepted by the Texas Board of Licensed Professional Counselors). In addition, the master's degree and additional coursework should be a minimum of 48 hours and cover the core curriculum areas required by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Applicants' graduate GPA should be 3.5 or higher.

Applicant Interview and Selection Process

The Counselor Education doctoral admissions committee will consider all applications through a holistic review process, taking into account the master's GPA, GRE scores, work experience, recommendations, and interview scores. After reviewing the pool of applicants, the doctoral admissions committee will recommend the top candidates for the on-campus interview process. Applicants invited for the interview will be given specific guidelines for the process, which will include an interview with the doctoral admissions committee and an on-site writing proficiency assessment. All qualified doctoral students are admitted under regular admission to the program.

Degree Requirements

The program requires completion of a minimum of sixty-nine hours of graduate credit, as prescribed in the plan below. A comprehensive examination will be taken during the sixth semester of coursework. Students must be enrolled during the semester the comprehensive examination is taken.

After admission to candidacy, students and their dissertation chair will jointly select their doctoral dissertation committee. Once students reach the dissertation phase of their doctoral program, they must have continuous enrollment every semester until graduation.

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Specified Courses		
COUN 7110	Doctoral Seminar (taken three times)	3
COUN 7331	Advanced Counseling Theories	3
COUN 7332	Adv Counseling Appraisal Techn	3
COUN 7334	Theories Of Counselor Supervsn	3
COUN 7335	Practice Of Counselor Supervsn	3
COUN 7337	Adv Counslng Practicum & Techn	3
COUN 7362	Methods Of Counseling Resrch	3
COUN 7363	Application of Coun Research	3
COUN 7372	Qualitative Methodology	3
COUN 7373	Stat Methds-Counslr Edu Rsrch	3
COUN 7374	Multivariate Mthd-Cnslr Edu Rs	3
Specialization		
Select one of the following specializations:		27
School Counseling:		
COUN 7339	Doctoral Internshp In Counslng (taken 2 times)	
COUN 7110	Doctoral Seminar (taken three times)	
Select four graduate courses in COUN		
Select two graduate courses outside COUN		
Counselor Education:		
COUN 7336	College Teaching In Counseling	
COUN 7339	Doctoral Internshp In Counslng (taken 2 times)	
COUN 7110	Doctoral Seminar (taken three times)	
Select four graduate courses in COUN		
Select two graduate courses outside COUN		
Dissertation		
COUN 8033	Dissertation (taken three times)	9
Total Hours		69