

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MARRIAGE, COUPLE, AND FAMILY COUNSELING

The Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling provides graduate students in the Department of Counselor Education additional training and education in marriage, couple, and family counseling.

The 12-semester credit hour Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling is designed for students training in clinical mental health and related fields (i.e., psychology, social work) who want to specialize and/or work towards their Texas license in Marriage and Family Therapy. Students should view the website of Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (<https://www.bhec.texas.gov>) to understand the full requirements and keep updated on changes (i.e., academic, supervision, clinical experiences).

This Graduate Certificate is not eligible to receive Title IV funding – Direct Loans, Pell Grant, TEACH Grant, SEOG Grant, or Federal Work Study. Students enrolled in this program should explore alternative funding options and are encouraged to contact the financial aid office for assistance.

Additional Information: Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://www.shsu.edu/programs/certificate/marriage-couple-and-family-counseling/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

Applicants seeking admission to the Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling must submit the following directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/prospective-students.html>):

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. a) A current student in good academic standing in the Department of Counselor Education **OR** b) Have completed a master's degree in a related discipline with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (requires submission of official transcript from the degree granting institution)

Code	Title	Hours
Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling		
Specified Courses		
COUN 6333	Techniques Of Couples Counseling	3
COUN 6337	Counseling For Sexual Concerns	3
COUN 6338	Techniques of Family Counseling	3
COUN 6370	Family Therapy Applications	3
Total Hours		12

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The Graduate Certificate in Marriage, Couples, and Family Counseling is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Specialization working with a family systems approach
- Higher-order thinking.
- Oral and written communication.
- Professional conduct and ethical behavior.
- Multicultural and diversity competencies.
- Self-awareness of inter/intrapersonal relationships.
- Ability to apply counseling and development knowledge to professional practice.