

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING-CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

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The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) (<http://www.cacrep.org/>).

## Mission Statement

The Texas A&M University-Texarkana Counseling Program, through high quality instruction develops talented counselors, life-long learners and leaders in our field. Graduates of our program serve the mental health needs of the diverse residents of Texas, border states, throughout the country, and around the world. Graduates are expected to serve as actively engaged agents of change in providing care for diverse populations. Through ethical practice and professional conduct, our graduates are expected to advocate for the field, serve their clients and meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

## Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree
- Minimum of cumulative 3.00 GPA
- Three current (within the last 6 months) letters of support from faculty, professional mentors, and/or employers. Must be dated and signed with contact information.
- Letter of Intent: Adhering to Current APA Guidelines; 3 Pages: Why Clinical Mental Health Counseling speaks to me: my journey to choosing this path
- Resume
- Successful in-person interview with program faculty

**Requirements must be submitted to the Graduate Studies Office by the designated deadline of first semester enrollment. Designated deadlines are listed below:**

- June 15- For Fall semester registration
- October 15 - For Spring semester registration
- Considerations for late applications will not be accepted beyond two weeks before the start of the semester. All late considerations are contingent upon availability.

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## Degree Requirements

Students should refer to their DegreeWorks degree audit in their Web for Students account for more information regarding their degree requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Suggested Undergraduate Courses</b>		
PSY 316	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 2317	Statistical Methods in Psychology	3
<b>Major Courses</b>		
COUN 510	Counseling Theories	3
COUN 511	Introduction to Counseling Services	3
COUN 512	Career Development and Information	3
COUN 516	Pre-Practicum	3
COUN 520	Counseling Diverse Populations	3
COUN 525	Practicum	3
COUN 526	Internship	3
COUN 527	Internship II	3
COUN 528	Group Procedures in Counseling	3
COUN 541	Counseling the Substance Abuser: Prevention, Intervention and Treatment	3
COUN 585	Crisis Intervention: Theory and Practice	3
COUN 503	Diagnosis and Treatment of Behavior Disorders	3
PSY 540	Research Literature and Techniques	3
PSY 543	Human Growth and Development	3

COUN 560	Clinical Assessment	3
COUN 575	Ethics in Counseling	3
COUN 578	Marriage and Family Therapy	3
COUN 579	Psychopharmacology for Counselors	3
Elective in Counseling or Psychology		6
<b>Minimum Hours for Degree</b>		<b>60</b>

**Note:** The university will not count grades lower than "C" toward a graduate degree, but the university will use those grades to calculate the GPA. The university considers a course with a grade of "D" or "F" completed, and the GPA will reflect those grades.