Educational Psychology and Special Services

The Department of Educational Psychology and Special Services offers programs for students wanting master’s degrees in special education, educational diagnostics, school counseling, and/or mental health counseling. We also have an undergraduate program that leads to special education certification. We offer many courses that students find interesting such as the assessment of culturally and linguistically diverse learners, learners with special needs, effective reading strategies for low performing learners, trauma therapy for individuals, crisis management for schools and organizations, and marriage and family therapy. We have the FAST TRACK program in Special Education and Educational Diagnostics for undergraduate students wanting to get a head start working toward a master’s degree.

While our degree options are plentiful, it is our faculty that makes the difference. Our instructors are student-oriented and nationally recognized experts in their fields. We are here to help you achieve your educational goals.

Graduate Programs and Plans

The department of Educational Psychology and Special Services offers two graduate degrees.

The Master of Education is directed toward the professional who wishes to prepare for specialized professional practice as a School Counselor, Educational Diagnostician, or Special Educator.

The Master of Science is directed towards the professional who wishes to prepare for practice as a Mental Health Counselor.

In addition to these degree programs, the Department offers coursework leading to School Counselor and Educational Diagnostician certification by the State Board for Educator Certification. Completion of the Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling prepares the student with the academic coursework necessary for licensure as a Professional Counselor (LPC) in Texas.

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- M.Ed. - School Counseling (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-education/educational-psychology-special-services/med-guidance-counseling/)
- M.Ed. - Special Education (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-education/educational-psychology-special-services/med-special-education/)

Master of Rehabilitation Counseling
- Master of Rehabilitation Counseling (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-education/educational-psychology-special-services/master-rehabilitation-counseling/)

Master of Science
- M.S. in Mental Health Counseling (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-education/educational-psychology-special-services/ms-mental-health-counseling/)

Graduate Certificates
- Educational Diagnostician (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-education/educational-psychology-special-services/grocertification-educational-diagnostician/)
- Graduate Certificate in Early Intervention Studies (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-education/educational-psychology-special-services/graduate-certificate-early-intervention-studies20/)

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