Educational Psychology and Special Services

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.

Programs
Master of Education
• M.Ed. - Educational Diagnostician
• M.Ed. - School Counseling
• M.Ed. - Special Education

Master of Science
• M.S. in Mental Health Counseling

Graduate Certificates
• Educational Diagnostician
• Graduate Certificate in Early Intervention Studies

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