

# M.S. in Mental Health Counseling

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The Mental Health Counseling program offers a M.S. that meets the requirements for Licensure as a Professional Counselor in the state of Texas and prepares students for counseling positions in various settings such as mental health centers, family counseling centers, social service agencies, psychiatric hospitals, and private practice.

Applicants must submit an application and participate in either a screening interview or instrument to determine if the applicant's knowledge, experience, skills, and aptitude meet program admission standards.

## Admission Requirements

A minimum 3.0 GPA on cumulative record (or previous 60 hours completed as evaluated by the counseling admission committee) prior to admission. Applicants are screened based on the quality of their application and the candidate's potential for success in the program via the assessment of the counseling program admissions committee. Students must include the following in their application:

1. Curriculum Vitae/Resume
2. Statement of Intent
3. Statement on Counseling Diverse Populations
4. Statement on interpersonal relationships
5. Three professional letters of reference
6. Official undergraduate transcripts (from each of the colleges or universities the applicant previously attended)
7. Applicants from countries where English is not the first language are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Please consult the graduate school (<http://catalog.utep.edu/admissions/graduate/graduate-student/>) website for required scores.

The above required screening materials will be evaluated to determine if the applicant's knowledge, experience, skills, and aptitude are appropriate for the counseling degree sought. Students will receive a letter notification of their acceptance or non-acceptance into the program.

Students must successfully pass a background check to complete the practicum and internship requirement.

## Licensure Requirements

For licensure as a Professional Counselor in Texas, in addition to the 60-hour master's program, a student must have:

1. Three thousand (3,000) clock hours of post graduate supervised experience; and
2. A passing score on the National Counselor Exam (NCE) or National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam (NCMHCE).

## Degree Plan

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
EDPC 5310	Appl. Res. Des. for Coun & Spe	3
EDPC 5317	Human Growth and Development	3
EDPC 5320	Lifestyle & Career Development	3
EDPC 5322	Mental Health Counseling	3
EDPC 5324	Ethic, Legl/Prof. Issue/Cnsing	3
EDPC 5333	Crisis Counseling	3
EDPC 5335	Prin of Appraisal & Assessment	3
EDPC 5338	Group Counseling	3
EDPC 5339	Techniques of Counseling	3
EDPC 5341	Theories of Counseling	3
EDPC 5345	Abnormal Human Behavior	3
EDPC 5346	Counsel Multicult/Div Popula	3
EDPC 5347	Addictions Counseling	3
EDPC 5360	Intro Marriage & Family Therapy	3
EDPC 5371	Mental Health Counseling Pract	3
EDPC 5372	Mental Health Coun. Intern I	3
EDPC 5373	Mental Health Coun. Intern II	3
<b>Free Electives</b>		<b>9</b>

## Select nine hours

EDPC 5349	Cognitive/Behavioral Therapies
EDPC 5350	Neuroscience and Counseling
EDPC 5361	Family Theories
EDPC 5362	CnsIng Children, Adlscnts & Fam
EDPC 5363	Couples Therapy
EDPC 5364	Family Therapy
EDPC 5365	Directed Individual Study
EDPC 5368	Play Therapy
EDPC 5370	Special Topics in Couns & Sped
PSYC 5309	Seminar in Psychopathology
REHC 5350	Psychiatric Rehabilitation

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**Total Hours****60**