

# Counselor Education and Supervision PhD

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## Course Requirements

Doctoral students must have met the equivalent of CACREP master's program requirements, plus complete approximately 69 hours of additional coursework, as outlined below.

1. Master's Degree—A minimum of 48 semester hours, equal/equivalent to a CACREP-accredited master's degree, must be completed prior to finishing the doctorate.
2. Doctoral Field Experience—12 semester hours of class, which includes a combination of supervised clinical training, teaching, and clinical supervision.
3. Core Doctoral Courses—21 semester hours of required doctoral counseling courses.
4. Cognate Area— 9 semester hours from one of several department-approved content areas.
5. Elective — 3 semester hours selected with adviser to build competencies in an area that meets the student's professional needs.
6. Research Tools—15 semester hours in research methodology and statistics (or documented proficiency) from the University-approved Research Tools options. One of the research tools courses must be a qualitative research course.
7. Dissertation—9 to 12 semester hours. In addition to the courses above, all general catalog requirements for the degree must be met.

## Residency

Doctoral student residency in the A&M-Commerce Department of Counseling serves three purposes. First, it is designed to encourage collegial relationships between students and faculty. Second, it introduces students to typical professional expectations they will encounter as they progress through their careers. Finally, activities within the residency enhance student learning by supplementing the academic and experiential components of the program.

To fulfill the residency requirements in the Department of Counseling, doctoral students must complete the following activities.

1. Attend a minimum of six doctoral seminars.
2. Assist faculty members on two different projects intended to ultimately lead to either manuscripts submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals or presentation proposals submitted for peer-reviewed program consideration at state, regional, or national conferences. Students must collaborate with at least two different faculty members.
3. Engage in a minimum of three departmental activities. Suggested activities include proctoring master's comprehensive examinations, assisting with Murphy Day, assisting with the fall school counselor conference, maintaining the departmental bulletin board, maintaining the departmental job board, etc. Activities **MUST** include assisting with Master's-level Practicum (COUN 551). This is in addition to COUN 660 Supervision requirement.
4. Actively engage in professional service. Two components comprise this requirement:
  - a. Holding elected or appointed office in a local (E.g., Chi Sigma Iota, Doctoral student Association, Branch of the Texas Counseling Association), state (e.g., Texas Counseling Association or its divisions), regional (e.g., Southern Region of the American Counseling association), or national (e.g., American Counseling association or its divisions, American College Personnel Association), professional organization or by chairing or serving as a member of a committee of one of these organizations.
  - b. Serving on a university, college, or departmental committee or task force (e.g., Master's Admissions Committee, Departmental Human Subjects Protection Committee, University Library Committee).
5. Completing 24 semester hours at Texas A&M University-Commerce toward the degree.

There is no specified time limit for completing residency.

### Note:

The department reserves the right to suspend from the program any student who, in the judgment of a duly constituted departmental committee, does not meet the professional expectations of the field. A copy of the department's Retention/Dismissal Procedure may be obtained from the departmental office.

## Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision

### Doctoral Core: 21 semester hours (7 courses)

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| COUN 610 | Adv Counsel Theories & Techniq                      | 3 |
| COUN 620 | Superv Cou Human Develop                            | 3 |
| COUN 625 | Research Application                                | 3 |
| COUN 621 | Psychoeducational Consulting and Program Evaluation | 3 |
| COUN 622 | Advanced Seminar in Counseling Diverse Populations  | 3 |
| COUN 650 | Inst Th & Meth in Coun Ed                           | 3 |

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| COUN 717  | Ethics & Prof Development  | 3         |
| <b>Cognate (9 semester hours)</b>   |  |           |
| <b>Child and Adolescent</b>   |  |           |
| COUN 534  | Counseling Children and Adolescents  | 3         |
| COUN 539  | Introduction to Play Therapy   | 3         |
| COUN 614  | Counseling Strategies for Parent-Child Relationships                               | 3         |
| COUN 697  | Special Topics (Self Injurious Behavior: Gestalt Therapy: Advanced Sandtray)       | 3         |
| COUN 689  | Independent Study (Advanced Play Therapy: Parent Consultation)                     | 1-3       |
| <b>Multicultural</b>  |  |           |
| COUN 623  | Race, Class and Gender   | 3         |
| COUN 697  | Special Topics (Spirituality in Counseling & Counseling Sexual Minorities)         | 6         |
| <b>Marriage and Family</b>  |  |           |
| COUN 611  | Introduction to Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy                             | 3         |
| COUN 612  | Adv Sem M&F Coun/Therapy   | 3         |
| COUN 615  | Marital Counseling/Therapy   | 3         |
| <b>Student Affairs</b>  |  |           |
| COUN 590  | Legal Issues Stu Affairs   | 3         |
| COUN 606  | Stu Affairs Services Hi Ed   | 3         |
| COUN 607  | Contemp College Student  | 3         |
| COUN 697  | Special Topics (Human Sexuality: Self Injurious Behavior)                          | 3         |
| <b>Doctoral Practicum/Internship (12 semester hours)</b>  |  |           |
| COUN 660  | Doctoral Field Experience (3 semester hours)                                       | 3         |
| COUN 661  | Advanced Practicum   | 3         |
| COUN 662  | Advanced Internship (Advanced Internship I & II (taken twice for 6 semester hours) | 3         |
| <b>Elective Cluster (3 semester hours)</b>  |  |           |
| 3 semester hours selected with advisor to build competencies in an area that meets student's professional needs.                        |  | 3         |
| <b>Dissertation (9 semester hours)</b>  |  |           |
| COUN 718  | Dissertation   | 3-9       |
| <b>Research Tools 15 semester hours: Each must have grade of "B" or better and cannot be used to satisfy other degree requirements.</b> |  |           |
| COUN 695  | Research Methodology   | 3         |
| COUN 609  | Introduction to Statistics for Counseling and Human Services Research              | 3         |
| or PSY 612  | Psy Ed Statistics  |           |
| or HIED 617   | Introduction to Quantitative Research  |           |
| COUN 613  | Adv Statistical Technique  | 3         |
| COUN 690  | Qualitative Research   | 3         |
| or HIED 696   | Qualitative Research Methods   |           |
| or EDAD 698   | Qualitative Research Methods   |           |
| <b>Plus</b>   |  |           |
| 3 semester hours Approved by Doctoral Coordinator   |  | 3         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>  |  | <b>69</b> |

**NOTE:** No course beyond the master's program that is over ten years old at the time the doctoral degree is conferred can be used toward the doctoral degree.