

Department of Counseling and Higher Education

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Introduction

The Department of Counseling and Higher Education provides programs designed to prepare professionals for leadership positions in community services, preschools, schools, colleges, universities and the public sector.

The Center for Animal Assisted Therapy trains professionals and volunteers to work with their pets to: (1) facilitate the development of students in kindergarten through 12th grade with pet-assisted educational programs, and (2) enhance the emotional well-being of persons of all ages through positive human-animal interactions. Workshops and courses are offered for national certification training for persons who wish to work with their pet to perform animal-assisted volunteer services or provide professional animal-assisted therapy.

The Center for Higher Education was created in the Department of Higher Education in 1983. The central purpose of CHE is to monitor and interpret the impact of major trends and legislation as they affect higher education. The office also engages in research activities for other agencies that are concerned about higher education issues at the state, regional and national levels.

The Center for Play Therapy exists to facilitate the unique development and emotional growth of children through the process of play therapy. The center carries out this commitment by providing graduate courses in play therapy, a play therapy summer institute, an annual play therapy conference, research, scholarships, a directory of play therapy training in the United States and Canada, a bibliography of play therapy literature, an international clearinghouse for play therapy literature, play therapy for children and training for parents.

The Counseling and Human Development Center (CHDC) and **The Child and Family Resource Clinic** on the Denton campus and the **Dallas Campus Counseling Clinic (DCCC)** on the Dallas Campus are instructional facilities in which master's and doctoral-level counselors-in-training provide counseling under faculty supervision. These clinics serve individuals of all ages, couples, families and groups. Fees are based on a sliding scale, making counseling affordable to a segment of the population that otherwise might not have access to mental health services.

Counseling

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Faculty

Professors Chandler, Engels, Holden, Landreth.
Associate Professors Bratton, Kern, Ray. *Assistant Professors* Barrio, Edwards, Fernando, Gieda, Portrie-Bethke.

Counseling Minor Program

The counseling minor program is available to undergraduate students who are working toward a bachelor's degree. Students must check with their academic advisors to have their minor program approved. The interpersonal skills gained in this program may be applied to a variety of employment settings that span human services professions. A minor in the program also provides students with a background that serves as a strong foundation when applying to master's degree programs in counseling and related fields.

A minimum of three counseling courses are offered each fall and spring term/semester. Introductory courses (COUN 2610 or 3620) are offered on alternate terms/semesters. No courses are offered during the summer.

Students in the counseling minor program must complete 18 hours of course work from the following list: COUN 2610, 3600, 3620, 3630, 3640, 4610, 4620, 4900. Six (6) hours of course work must be from COUN 2610 and COUN 3620.

Graduate Programs

Counseling offers programs in the following areas:

- Master of Education,
- Master of Science, and
- Doctor of Philosophy, all with a major in counseling.

For further information, consult the *Graduate Catalog*.

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) (1001 North Fairfax St., Suite 510, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703-535-5990), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation (COPA), has conferred accreditation to the following areas of study for the degrees in counseling in the Department of Counseling and Higher Education at the University of North Texas:

- *community counseling (MEd, MS);*
- *elementary school counseling (MEd, MS);*
- *secondary school counseling (MEd, MS);*
- *college and university counseling (MEd, MS); and*
- *counseling (PhD).*

Courses of Instruction

All Courses of Instruction are listed in one section at the back of this catalog.

Course and Subject Guide

The “Course and Subject Guide,” found in the Courses of Instruction section of this book, serves as a table of contents and provides quick access to subject areas and prefixes.

Higher Education

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Faculty

Professor Baier, Bower. Associate Professors Cutright, Jacobs, Newsom. Assistant Professor Bush, Chen, Fann. Senior Lecturer Whitson.

Programs of Study

Graduate programs in higher education include:

- Master of Education;
- Master of Science;
- Doctor of Education; and
- Doctor of Philosophy, all with a major in higher education.

Detailed information on these programs may be found in the *Graduate Catalog*.

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