

Calendar of Activities for School Counseling Candidates 19 TAC §228.20(g)

Activity	Information	Additional Resources
Admissions Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized international equivalent • Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 or GRE general test with minimum scores of 150 Verbal, 141 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytical • Official transcripts from each institution attended • Personal statement detailing professional goals • Three letters of recommendation from professional or academic sources • Resume • Personal Interview • Cleared Criminal Background Check 	<p>UTRGV Graduate College Admissions: https://tinyurl.com/yaf16lnw</p> <p>Department of Counseling Website: Admissions Requirements: https://tinyurl.com/y7sc3v2d</p>
Interview Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After a review of the application materials, each candidate is interviewed by at least two program faculty • Candidates are asked a series of standardized questions and rated by faculty 	
Admission into the Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After all candidate file reviews and interviews are completed, program faculty meet to discuss and vote on each candidate. • The successful candidate meets all of the admissions requirements, has relevant background experiences, appropriate letters of recommendation, a coherent statement of purpose, and performs satisfactorily in the faculty interview. 	
Orientation	<p>All candidates who are offered admissions must attend the department New Student Orientation covering the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Requirements • Degree Plan • Texas Education Agency Educator Code of Ethics • Distributed Campus Acknowledgment • Registration Procedures 	

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Program Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of >3.0 GPA • Satisfactory Goodness of Fit (Professional and Personal Disposition) Review by Faculty Each Regular Semester • Completion of 60 SCH • Pass the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE) 	Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam https://tinyurl.com/yac8q6t5
Practicum Requirements	Per CACREP and TEA requirements, students complete the following requirements in the field courses: <u>COUN 6365: Practicum</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 hours of direct client contact (30 on a school campus) • 60 hours of indirect client contact • Site Observation by program faculty <u>COUN 6369: Counseling Internship I</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 hours of direct client contact (≥ 65 on a school campus) • 180 hours of indirect client contact • Site Observation by program faculty <u>COUN 6370: Counseling Internship II</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 hours of direct client contact (≥ 65 on a school campus) • 180 hours of indirect client contact • Site Observation by program faculty 	Blackboard Student Info Hub: Practicum Handbook https://tinyurl.com/y7k4p6q8
Certification	In order to be endorsed by the program faculty for school counseling certification in the state of Texas, students must complete the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Score of ≥ 80% on the TExES Representative Exam administered in COUN 6344 School Counseling • Successful completion of COUN 6344 School Counseling • ≥ 160 direct contact hours on a school campus • 3 Site observations by program faculty totaling 135 minutes 	
Student Handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students are provided with a copy of the UTRGV Department of Counseling Student Handbook during the New Student Orientation. • The Student Handbook is always available to students on the Department of Counseling Student Information Hub on Blackboard. 	Blackboard Student Info Hub: Student Handbook https://tinyurl.com/y9l2f99v