

# Department of Counseling and Higher Education

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## Fact Sheet

***Our mission is to promote human development through education, research and service that advance the professions of, and scholarship in, counseling and higher education.***

***Our vision is to seek local, state, regional, national and international prominence as a collaborative and transformative community engaged in exemplary research, education and service that benefit the professions of counseling and higher education, the publics they serve, and humanity at large.***

### Academic Programs

#### Counseling

- Undergraduate Program - Minor in Counseling Associate Studies
- Graduate Programs
  - M.Ed. and M.S. in Counseling
  - Community Counseling Track (CACREP Accredited)
  - Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Tracks (CACREP Accredited)
  - College/University Counseling (CACREP Accredited)
- Ph.D. in Counseling (CACREP Accredited)
- Graduate Academic Certificates (post-master's)

#### Higher Education

- Graduate programs
  - M.Ed. and M.S. in Higher Education
  - Ph.D. and Ed.D. in Higher Education
  - Graduate Academic Certificates (post-bachelor's and post-master's)

### Students

- Over 100 undergraduate minors
- Over 350 master's students
- Over 150 doctoral students
- Approximately 30 students pursuing Graduate Academic Certificates

### Student and Local Professional Organizations

- Association of Graduate Students in Higher Education (AGSHE)
- Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic & Professional Honor Society International (CSI), Rho Kappa Chapter
- International Counseling Student Club (ICSC)

### Faculty and Staff

- 18 tenured and tenure-line faculty members
- 5 full-time lecturers/non-tenure line faculty members
- 7 administrative staff
- 22 doctoral level teaching and research assistants

### Centers and Clinics

#### Counseling

- Center for Animal Assisted Therapy
- Center for Play Therapy
- Child and Family Resource Clinic
- Counseling and Human Development Center
- Dallas Campus Counseling Clinic

#### Higher Education

- Bill J. Priest Center for Community College Education
- Center for Higher Education

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### **Scholarships and Endowments**

- Over 20 graduate student scholarships, some awarded to multiple students
- Don A. Buchholz Endowed Chair in Community College Education
- Bettye Curry Hackett Fund to support programs in curriculum development and counseling techniques with junior high school students

### **Faculty Funded Research (larger projects)**

- 2006 - \$395,403
- 2007 - \$677,154
- 2008 - \$751,552
- Addressing such counseling areas as suicide prevention, mental health services for low-income clients, counseling and play therapy in schools, near-death experiences, and spiritual transformation
- Addressing such higher education areas as early college high school and community-to-four-year-college transfer student issues

### **Awards and Recognition**

- Department
  - Since 2005, 31 awards to department faculty members for teaching, research and service
  - Since 2006, 22 awards to department graduate students from professional associations
- Counseling
  - Ranked 15<sup>th</sup> nationally, 1<sup>st</sup> in Texas (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2008-09)
  - Ranked in top 20 nationally, 1<sup>st</sup> in Texas (*U.S. News & World Report*, 1998-2005)
  - Among first recipients of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision's Outstanding Program Award in 1984; received again in 2000
  - Received Association for Counselor Education and Supervision's 2005 "Publication in Counselor Education and Supervision" Award for their 2004 book, *The Professional Counselor: Portfolio, Competencies, Performance Guidelines, and Assessment* (3rd ed.)

### **Employment Opportunities for Graduate Students**

#### Counseling

- Master's degrees
  - School counselor certification – to work as a school counselor in P-12 settings
  - Texas Licensure as a Professional Counselor – to provide counseling services outside the public school and religious setting such as community mental health agencies, colleges and universities, private practice, and business and industry. Licensure is optional in religious settings.
- Doctoral degree
  - Counselor educator – to teach counseling at the college/university level
  - Counselor supervisor and administrator – to direct counseling facilities

#### Higher Education

- Master's degrees - Administrator (to work in student affairs at the college/university level)
- Doctoral degrees
  - Mid to upper level administrator – to work in student affairs, advancement, institutional research at the college/university level and academic administration at the community college level
  - Instructor – to teach at the community college level (discipline in master's)

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