



School Counseling, M.Ed.



Welcome

Welcome to the Harrison Graduate School at SAGU as you begin your journey to becoming a certified Texas School Counselor! This three-year program is designed to give you a rich education in counseling techniques as well as providing the necessary tools needed to be successful in a PK-12 setting. Our courses are designed for a learner-centered approach to meeting the needs and responsibilities in a PK-12 school system. This document will help you navigate the steps for success throughout your program. May God bless you as you begin this new academic adventure!

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Course Selection

Most courses are offered online, but two courses (*Tests & Assessment* and *Methods of Group Counseling*) are designed to be a two-week intensive training offered only on campus.

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Suggested degree plan based on projected course offerings:

First Year- Fall

- *Foundations & Ethics of School Counseling*
- *Psychological Methods & Research Design*

First Year- Spring

- *School Counseling Program Development*
- *Human Growth & Lifespan Development*

First Year- Summer

- *Tests & Assessment (on-campus only)*
- *Theories of Counseling & Psychotherapy*

Second Year- Fall

- *Social & Cultural Diversity*
- *Methods & Techniques in Counseling*

Second Year- Spring

- *Counseling Children & Adolescents*
- *Personal Lifestyle & Career Development*

Second Year- Summer

- *Methods of Group Counseling (on-campus only)*
- *Pre-Practicum*

Third Year- Fall

- *Professional Orientation, Ethical, and Legal Issues*
- *Crisis Intervention (or Crisis Management)*

Third Year- Spring

- *Internship in School Counseling*

Internship

The final program requirement involves participation in an internship in which the student has the opportunity to work directly with a certified school counselor.

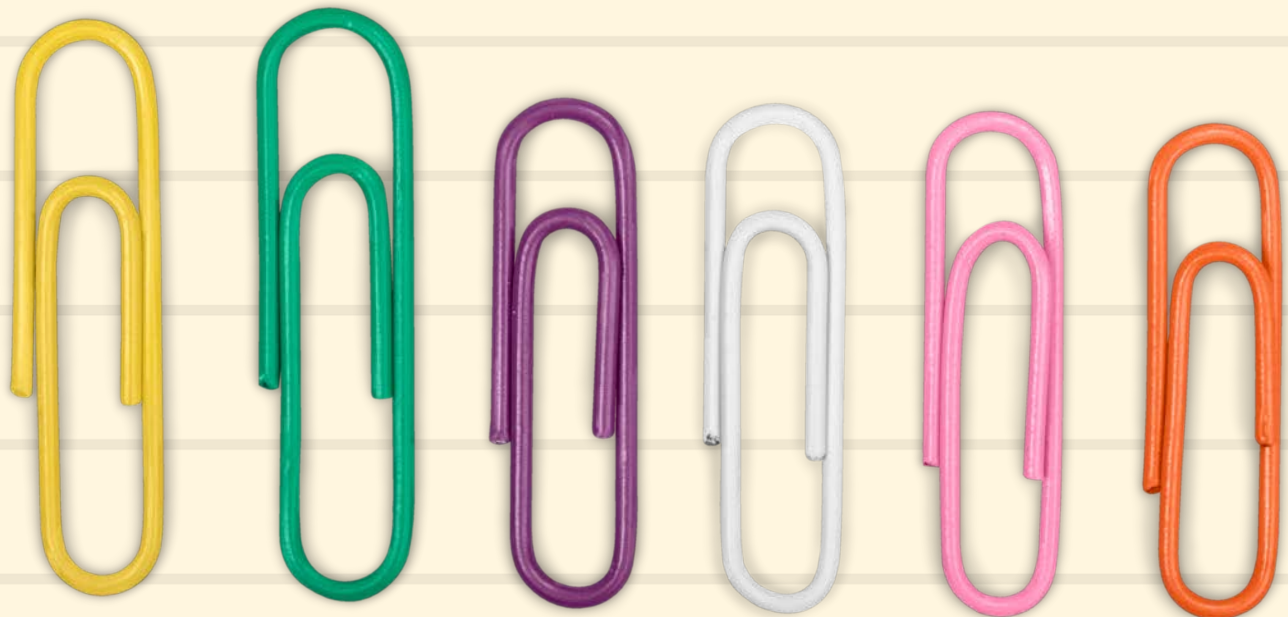


Candidates seeking Texas Certification in Public Schools must provide all official college transcripts, provide a copy of valid educator certificate, and provide an official teacher service record indicating two years or more of teaching.

Candidates are also required to work with the testing coordinator and be approved prior to testing. Please contact Dr. Paula Manley (pmanley@sagu.edu) for additional information.

Candidates are required to work with the certification officer as well. Please contact Janice Whitaker (jwhitaker@sagu.edu) for additional information.

Candidates will sign and send the Memo of Understanding (MOU), as well as the FERPA Consent agreement before candidates will be allowed to register for courses.



Encouragement

from the Program Coordinator

I am so excited that you have expressed interest in the School Counseling Program at SAGU. It is like no other program you will find! As a former school counselor, it is my strong belief that we hold one of the most important roles on campus. We are the heart, the safe place, and the consistent, calm voice for students, parents, teachers, administrators, the school district and the community. Not only do we deal with the thrilling life transformations as students mature and advance academically, but for some we can serve as a catalyst for change in life and death situations. That is why having a solid, Christ centered education will help lay the necessary groundwork for you.

Early in my career I adopted the philosophy when working as a school counselor that I will expect nothing, but will do my best to be prepared for everything that may come my way. As the Program Coordinator and a professor at SAGU, I hold it as a high responsibility to expand your capacity to be prepared as much as possible for whatever may come your way. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at kplate@sagu.edu.

I'm honored to be a part of this journey with you!

Dr. Kristina Slate

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