Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education, and School Psychology

What can I do with this degree?

Graduate studies in counseling, leadership, adult education, and school psychology (CLAS) prepare graduate students to positively impact lives and opportunities for individuals, families, schools, and communities. With their role as educators and human service professionals, graduates serve to conduct culturally competent, ethical, and evidence-based practices, and are able to influence systemic change. According to the College of Education at Texas State University, “the multi-disciplinary and multicultural nature of [CLAS] provides opportunities to model collaboration across disciplines, and to learn from one another as we promote respect for all cultures and individuals.”

**CLAS Skills**

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**Degrees & Certifications offered at Texas State University**

Master of Education, M.Ed.
Master of Arts, M.A.
Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D.
Specialist in School Psychology (SSP)
Principal Certification
Superintendent Certification
Administrative Certification

**Other Certifications**

National Certified Counselor (NCE), [http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/counselor/](http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/counselor/)
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), [http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/mft/](http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/mft/)
Registered Play Therapist (RPT), [http://www.a4pt.org/](http://www.a4pt.org/)
Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP),
  [http://www.nasponline.org/certification/becomeNCSP.aspx](http://www.nasponline.org/certification/becomeNCSP.aspx)
Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP),
  [http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/how-to-become-licensed/66](http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/how-to-become-licensed/66)
Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA),
Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, [http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/](http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/)
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### Possible Work Settings

- School Systems
- Higher Education Institutes
- Government Agencies
- Community Based Organizations
- Social Service Agencies
- Residential Clinics/Hospitals
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Non-profit Organizations
- Religious Organizations
- International Organizations
- Private Practice
- Juvenile Justice Centers
- Private State Agencies (e.g. adoption agencies)

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Student Affairs in Higher Education
- School Psychology
- School Counseling
- Workplace Learning
- Adult, Professional & Community Education
- Marital, Couple, and Family Counseling
- Adult English as a Second Language (ESL)

- Instructional Leadership
- Community Counseling
- Continuing and Community Education
- School Improvement
CAREER PATHS
(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

...in Professional Counseling

Sample Job Titles
School Counselor  Marital Counselor  Family Counselor
Career Counselor  Couple Counselor  Guidance Counselor
Academic Advisor  Academic Counselor  Therapist
Case Manager

Possible Work Settings
Mental Health Settings  Public Schools  Private Schools
Colleges  Universities  Private Practice
Government Career Centers  Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Professional Organizations
American Counseling Association, http://www.counseling.org
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, http://www.aamft.org
International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors, http://www.iamfc.com
Texas Counseling Association, http://www.txca.org
Association for Play Therapy, http://www.a4pt.org

...in Educational Leadership

Sample Job Titles
Superintendent  Teacher Mentor  School Administrator
Principal  Curriculum Specialist  Athletic Director
Lead Teacher  Teacher  Special Education
Department Head  Assistant Principal  Director
Instructional Coordinators

Possible Work Settings
Elementary Schools  Private Schools  Charter Schools
High Schools  Public Schools  Religious Schools
Middle Schools  Magnet Schools  Secular Schools

Professional Organizations
...in Adult Education

**Sample Job Titles**
- Teachers
- Program Developers
- Program Evaluators
- Administrators
- Adult Literacy Teacher
- Policy Researcher
- General Education Development (GED) Instructor
- Adult Basic Education (ABE) Instructor
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Instructor

**Possible Work Settings**
- Government Agencies
- Higher Education Institutions
- Correctional Facilities
- Libraries
- Museums
- Zoological Parks
- Military
- Community Colleges
- Hospitals
- Universities
- Religious Organizations
- Human Resources
- Business and Industry
- Community-based Organizations and Agencies

**Professional Organizations**
- American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, [http://www.aaace.org](http://www.aaace.org)

...in School Psychology

**Sample Job Titles**
- School Psychologist
- School Psychometrist
- Consulting Psychologist
- Early Intervention School Psychologist
- Bilingual School Psychologist
- Child Study Team Director
- Instructor

**Possible Work Settings**
- State School Districts
- State Government Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
- State Government Department of Human Resources
- Private and Public Psychiatric Facilities
- Correctional Facilities
- Private Practice
- Colleges
- Universities
- Youth Detention Center
- Training Centers
Professional Organizations
National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), http://www.nasponline.org/
Texas Association of School Psychologists (TASP), http://txasp.org/
American Psychological Association (APA), http://www.apa.org/
Texas Psychological Association (TPA), http://www.texaspsych.org/
Counsel for Exceptional Children (CEC), http://www.cec.sped.org
American Education Research Association (AERA), http://www.aera.net/
International School Psychology Association (ISPA), http://www.ispaweb.org/

...in Student Affairs

Sample Job Titles
Director of Student Life    Dean of Students    Academic Advisor
Facility Manager           Director of Admissions
Program Coordinator       Residence Director
Director of Residence Life

Possible Work Settings
Colleges                    Universities

Professional Organizations
National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, http://www.nasap.net/
College Student Educators International, http://www2.myacpa.org
International Association of Student Affairs and Services,
http://www.iasasonline.org/
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RESOURCES

Texas State University-Student Organizations
Chi Sigma Iota (International Counseling Honor Society)
Graduate Student Affairs Council

Career Library Resources
101 Career Alternatives for Teachers, by Margaret M. Gisler
What to Do With Your Psychology or Sociology Degree, by Jay Wall, Lisa Vollmer, and the Princeton Review Staff
Great Jobs for Psychology Majors, by Julie DeGalan and Stephan Lambert
Educational Support Careers, by Mark Rowh
Career Opportunities in Education, by Susan Echaore-McDavid
Careers in Education, by Roy A. Edelfelt and Alan J. Reiman

Job Search
Student Affairs Jobs, http://www.jobs.studentaffairs.com
Office of Vocational and Adult Education, http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html
American Counseling Association, http://my.counseling.org/counseling-jobs/

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