
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

Leadership	Ethical	Patient
Scholarship	Organized	Marketing Skills
Collaboration	Problem-solving Skills	Critical Analysis
Professional	Reasoning Skills	Active Listening
Innovative	Motivational	Social Perceptiveness
Data collection and analysis		

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

Professional School Counselor Certification, <http://cms.texas-ets.org/>
National Certified Counselor (NCE), <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/>
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mft/>
Registered Play Therapist (RPT), <http://www.a4pt.org/>
Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP),
<http://www.nasponline.org/certification/becomeNCSP.aspx>
Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP),
<http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/how-to-become-licensed/66>
Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA),
<http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/how-to-become-licensed/67>
Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, <http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/>

Possible Work Settings

School Systems	Correctional Facilities
Higher Education Institutes	Cultural Institutions
Government Agencies	Military
Community Based Organizations	Public State Agencies (e.g. libraries)
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	Instructional Leadership
School Psychology	Community Counseling
School Counseling	Continuing and Community Education
Workplace Learning	School Improvement
Adult, Professional & Community Education	
Marital, Couple, and Family Counseling	
Adult English as a Second Language (ESL)	

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>
American School Counselor Association, <http://www.schoolcounselor.org>
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

American Association of School Administrators, <http://www.aasa.org>
National Association of Elementary School Principals, <http://www.naesp.org>

...in Adult Education

Sample Job Titles

Teachers
Administrators
General Education Development (GED) Instructor
Adult Basic Education (ABE) Instructor
English as a Second Language (ESL) Instructor

Program Developers
Adult Literacy Teacher

Program Evaluators
Policy Researcher

Possible Work Settings

Government Agencies
Libraries
Military
Universities
Business and Industry
Community-based Organizations and Agencies

Higher Education Institutions
Museums
Community Colleges
Religious Organizations

Correctional Facilities
Zoological Parks
Hospitals
Human Resources

Professional Organizations

American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, <http://www.aaace.org>
National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium,
<http://www.naepdc.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.texaspsyc.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

Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, <http://www.naspa.org/>

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/>

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>

Higher Ed Jobs, <http://www.higheredjobs.com/>

Council for Advancement and Support of Education,

http://www.case.org/Career_Central.html

Association for Psychological Science Employment Network,

<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/employment>

The Chronicle of Higher Education, <http://chronicle.com/section/Jobs/61/>

Office of Vocational and Adult Education,

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html>

Counselor Jobs and Careers, <http://counselor.jobs.topusajobs.com/>

Psychology Jobs, <http://www.psychologyjobs.com/>

American Counseling Association, <http://my.counseling.org/counseling-jobs/>

Top Higher Education Jobs, <http://www.tedjob.com/>

Inside Higher Ed, <http://www.insidehighered.com/>

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