

Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling

UNT's PhD in Counseling Program has a national reputation for developing highly competent professionals through education, research, and service. Through the program, students gain the opportunity to advance the profession through clinical practice, supervision, education, leadership, and advocacy, and are prepared to thrive as counselor educators, advanced practitioners, counselor supervisors, researchers, and administrators.



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Program Recognition

- UNT's Counseling Program is ranked 1st In Texas, 12th among public universities, and 14th in the nation (2020).
- Graduates work as counselor educators, in private practice, and in agencies.
- Faculty members have received more than \$3 million in research funding, over the past 5 years.
- Many faculty members have earned recognition from the American Counseling Association, Association for Counselor Education & Supervision, Texas Counseling Association, and Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Society, with two faculty members being American Counseling Association Fellows.
- The **Center for Play Therapy** is world-renowned and currently provides the largest play therapy training program in the world, attracting graduate students from throughout the fifty states, Canada, Mexico, China, and other countries.
- The **Counseling & Human Development Center** and the **Child and Family Resource Clinic** are state-of-the-art educational facilities that provide a wide range of affordable counseling services to community clients and are staffed by advanced master's and doctoral student counselors who provide high-quality counseling services under the supervision of UNT Counseling Program Faculty.
- The **Consortium for Animal Assisted Therapy** at the University of North Texas was established to support the field of animal assisted therapy. The Consortium promotes human and animal welfare through the partnership of people and pets.
- In 2021, faculty in our program were awarded a **\$1.5 million dollar grant funded by the Department of Health and Human Services for the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program**, to address health disparities by enhancing the delivery of trauma-informed bilingual mental health service to minoritized children, adolescents, transitional-aged youth, and adults (MCAYA) in Behavioral Health (BH) and Integrated Care (IC) settings.

Where Our Doctoral Graduates Work

East Tennessee State University
Lipscomb University
Missouri State University
New Jersey City University
Palo Alto University
Rider University
Roosevelt University
Sam Houston State University
Southern Methodist University
Tarleton State University
Texas State University
The George Washington University
University of Arkansas
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado- Colorado Springs
University of Montana
University of North Carolina-Charlotte
University of North Texas
University of Texas at Tyler
William & Mary
Private Practice
Community Agencies

**Application Deadline for Fall 2023 is November 30, 2022.
On-campus interviews will be held on Friday January 20, 2023.**

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