



The Department of Counseling and Human Services at St. Mary's University offers a doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision.

### Counselor Education and Supervision

The doctoral program in counselor education and supervision is designed to carry students through the following three levels in the education process: praxis, theory, and philosophical

foundations. The program is structured for full-time study of approximately three years, and is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

The primary purpose of the doctoral program in counselor education and supervision is to develop counselor educators who can provide pre-service and in-service counselor education, as well as provide effective counseling and therapeutic service/interventions to a variety of client populations in human service agencies in the public and private sectors. Course work and clinical experiences are integrated to help students formulate their personal

approach to counselor education and supervision. In addition, emphasis is placed on the student's abilities to accommodate students who work.

The program is open to students from diverse philosophical and religious backgrounds. A mature, experienced student population from many related fields adds to the impact of the training.

### Nature and Purpose

Counseling is a broadly defined term used to refer to the active interpersonal process whereby clients are provided the opportunity to explore life concerns. Counseling takes in the broad spectrum of services offered by mental health/human service specialists. These services may include short term, problem specific interventions that assist the person to remove blocks to growth and effective living, as well as longer term interactions which focus on unconscious processes concerned with personality structure changes.

### Program of Study

The Ph.D. in counselor education and supervision consists of 68 hours beyond the master's degree, including 33 hours of general core requirements, 14 hours of clinical experience, 15 hours of elective courses and 6 hours of dissertation.

In addition, the Department of Counseling and Human Services has a number of concentration areas within the doctoral program. They are:

- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Rehabilitation Counseling
- Neurofeedback Therapy
- Relational-Cultural Theory and Social Justice
- Play Therapy

### Admission Requirements

Admission is only granted to those with high promise for success in doctoral study and is based on the following prerequisites:

- A minimum index based upon the following formula:  $200 \times \text{GPA} + \text{average GRE [verbal + quantitative + analytical divided by 3]} = 1200$
- Positive recommendations from past employers relating to professional counseling experience, as well as previous graduate studies
- Positive recommendations from the Graduate Admissions Committee of the Department of Counseling and Human Services.
- Be evaluated favorably during an interview by departmental faculty

*Individuals should apply by Feb. 1 for entry in the fall semester.*



### Career Opportunities

Professional counselors work as clinicians in public and private schools, community and mental health agencies, alcohol and drug abuse programs, family counseling centers, child and adolescent programs, social service agencies, or in private practice. Some are using their skills in careers such as nursing, teaching, ministry or personnel management.

Teaching is another option available to those who receive doctoral degrees. Most college and university positions are restricted to those with doctoral degrees.

### Faculty

**Robert B. Babcock, Ph.D.**  
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**Dana Comstock, Ph.D.**  
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### History

Sixteen years after the fall of the Alamo, seven years after Texas gained statehood and nine years before the onset of the American Civil War, Marianist brothers and priests brought Catholic education to San Antonio when, in 1852, they opened St. Mary's Institute in temporary quarters at Military Plaza. From that pioneer effort grew St. Mary's University.

With a permanent site on the bend of the San Antonio River in 1853, the school expanded its programs, progressively added new buildings and became chartered as St. Mary's College by the State of Texas in 1882.

Overcrowding in the downtown area demanded expansion, and in 1894 St. Louis College, which adopted the name St. Mary's College, became St. Mary's University in 1927.

In 1934 the San Antonio Law School, founded in 1927, became a part of the University. Graduate programs were added in 1936. Women were integrated into all schools when St. Mary's became coeducational in 1963.

Today, with more than 3,900 students – and 31,000 alumni – the scenic 135-acre campus is home to five schools: Humanities and Social Sciences; Bill Greehey School of Business; Science, Engineering and Technology; Graduate; and Law.

St. Mary's University, the oldest Catholic institution of higher education in the Southwest, also is the only Catholic University in the region with a law school.

The Marianist mission of academic excellence, ethical commitment and service to society continues to thrive at St. Mary's University today.

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