



ADMISSION PACKET

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN COUNSELING/COUNSELOR EDUCATION

The Counseling Department's *Doctoral Admissions Review Committee* reviews all doctoral applications after they have been received by the Graduate School. Several criteria are factored into the overall score to determine admission into the program. These criteria include:

- GRE score (Verbal, Quantitative, and Writing sections)
- Entry-level course requirements (in comparison to CACREP master's program)
- Recommendations – A total of 4 references are required (at least one reference should come from a graduate faculty who has taught the applicant)
- Professional goals
- Work experience (document all professional work experience in counseling profession)
- Interview
- Written performance

Each of these criteria are considered by members of the Doctoral Admission Committee in their recommendation to admit or to deny admission.

If you have questions, please contact the Department of Counseling at 903-886-5637 or Dr. Stephen Armstrong, Chair, Doctoral Admissions Committee --
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This form needs to be completed by all applicants.

_____ completed a total of _____
(name of student) *(hours)*

clock hours of supervised field placement experience in a school counseling, student affairs, or community counseling-related setting while a graduate student at:

(university)

(If other settings were allowed, please explain in some detail about the work performed. Use a separate sheet if necessary.)

These hours were completed while enrolled in _____
(name of course(s) and course number(s))

for which semester hours of academic credit were awarded. The campus supervisor's name was:
_____.

I attest to the correctness of the information above.

Signature

Title

Phone number

Email

This should be mailed to:

Dr. Steve Armstrong
Department of Counseling
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Commerce, TX 75429-3011

Doctoral Applicant: Please have the information above completed by the appropriate person at the college or university from which you received your master's practical/internship.



ESSAY FORM SHEET

Instructions:

You are requested to write a one-page essay, which closely addresses the assigned topic. The typed essay will be read independently by the five members of the Doctoral Admissions Committee within the Department of Counseling, and their ratings will be a part of the admission's decision process. It will be read for organization, content, and evidence of professional understanding. **Return this in your completed application to the Graduate School.**

Topic:

Counselors assist others in their process of change. Some think that it is what counselors do (technique) that assists in this change; others think that the relationship between the counselor and client is the most important catalyst for change; while still others would support that the motivation and readiness for change on the part of the client is most important to effect change.

Describe your personal philosophy of the principles, which guide therapeutic change. Identify aspects of this philosophy that derive from counseling theorists and those which are your own.