

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Start Semester/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## SMU MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING PROGRAM SCHOOL COUNSELING SPECIALTY

**(63 Credit Hours; Core Courses Fulfill Texas LPC Academic Requirements)**

The School Counseling Specialty prepares students to pursue certification as elementary or secondary School Counselors. The School Counseling Specialty also fulfills the academic requirements for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).

PRE-CLINICAL CORE REQUIREMENTS Required before entry into Practicum	CREDIT HOURS
HDCN 6301: Counseling Theories: Individual and Systemic Perspectives (take within first or second semester in the program)	3
HDCN 6302: Basic Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families (must take in first semester of enrollment)	3
HDCN 6303: Group Counseling	3
HDCN 6304: Counseling Diverse Communities	3
HDCN 6305: Advanced Clinical Methods for Individuals, Couples, and Families (pre-requisites: Basic, Theories, Family Therapy I, Group, & Ethics 1)	3
HDCN 6316: Family Therapy I: Intergenerational Theories and Treatment	3
HDCN 6318 Ethics I and Professional Orientation (pre-requisite for 6319 Ethics II)	3
HDCN 6319 Ethics II and Mental Health (take as close to Practicum as possible)	3
HDCN 6320: Life Span Human Development: Individual and Family (take in first or second semester of enrollment, if only taking one class per semester)	3
HDCN 6330: Psychopathology: Adult	3
HDCN 6340: Assessment	3
HDCN 6349: Research Design and Statistics (pre-requisite for 6340 Assessment; it is recommended to take 6349 in first year of enrollment)	3
REQUIRED SCHOOL COUNSELING SPECIALTY COURSEWORK (2 COURSES = 6 CREDIT HOURS) May NOT be taken concurrently with Practicum, Internship I, or Internship II	
HDCN 6308/6309 Counseling in the Elementary/Secondary School (select one)	3
HDCN 6342 Cognitive, Career, and Educational Assessment	3
<b>TOTAL CORE CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>45</b>
ADDITIONAL CORE REQUIREMENTS: May be taken concurrently with Practicum, Internship I, or Internship II	
HDCN 6321: Lifestyle & Career Development	3
HDCN 6331: Psychopathology: Child/Adolescent	3
HDCN 6352: Psychology of Addictions	3
<b>Note that School Counseling Specialty students MUST complete the specialty courses listed above and the pre-clinical core, with a minimum of 42 credit hours completed prior to beginning the clinical sequence.</b>	
<i>After completing HDCN 6308/09, candidates for School Counselor certification will schedule a practice exam with the designated faculty advisor for school counseling and score a minimum of 85% to be approved to register for the TEXes certification exam. There is no fee for the practice exam. Allow two hours for completion.</i>	
OPEN ELECTIVE (1 COURSE = 3 CREDIT HOURS) May be taken concurrently with Practicum, Internship I, or Internship II	
<b>Open elective</b> (may take concurrently with Clinical Sequence to satisfy enrollment requirements)	3

## CLINICAL SEQUENCE: PRACTICUM, INTERNSHIP I & INTERNSHIP II (3 COURSES = 9 CREDIT HOURS)

**School Counseling Specialty students must complete a minimum of 42 credit hours of the required core and specialty classes listed above before starting the Clinical Sequence.** In addition, students must pass the MOCCE Exam and complete other requirements prior to the start of Practicum. Please refer to the Counseling Program Student Handbook for additional details.

HDCN 6395: Supervised Clinical Practicum	3
HDCN 6398: Internship I	3
HDCN 6399: Internship II	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>63</b>

### Combining Additional Coursework with Practicum & Internship (Also see Examples below this table)\*

Students should plan ahead regarding the possible need to take additional credit hours concurrent with Practicum and/or Internship. Students who rely on financial aid (which requires a minimum of 6 credit hours/semester) or who need to maintain full-time enrollment (minimum of 9 credit hours/semester) should plan to take electives and/or additional core requirement courses (listed above) concurrent with the Clinical Sequence. Depending on the course load a student intends to take during the Clinical Sequence, students must complete between 36 (minimum) to 54 hours prior to entry into Practicum. Courses taken concurrently with the Clinical Sequence may include electives and/or the following three required courses: Child Psychopathology, Lifestyle & Career, and Psychology of Addictions. **All students must complete the 36 credit-hour pre-clinical required coursework prior to entry into the Clinical Sequence.**

\*\*Students should also be aware of certain electives that may qualify them to work with populations of interest during Practicum (e.g., child/play/activity) and take those electives *prior to entry* into Practicum. See “Pre-Practicum Elective Considerations” below.

*Students must complete a minimum of 300 clinical hours in practicum/internship. Details regarding clinical hour requirements are available in the Counseling Program Student Handbook and the Clinical Experience Handbook.*

## \*EXAMPLES: COMBINING ACADEMIC COURSES WITH THE CLINICAL SEQUENCE

All students must complete a **minimum of 36 credit hours (required pre-clinical core coursework)** prior to beginning the clinical sequence. Some students should plan on completing **more** than the 36 core credit hours prior to the clinical sequence, as shown in the examples below:

**Example 1:** Students **may** begin the clinical sequence with the minimum of **36 credit hours ONLY** if they plan to be enrolled **full-time** during the clinical sequence (9 credit hours per semester):

- ▶ Practicum + two more courses
- ▶ Internship I + two more courses
- ▶ Internship II + two more courses

**Example 2:** Students should complete **45 credit hours** prior to beginning the clinical sequence if they plan to be enrolled part-time (6 credit hours per semester) during the clinical sequence:

- ▶ Practicum + one additional course
- ▶ Internship I + one additional course
- ▶ Internship II + one additional course

**Example 3:** Students who **only** enroll in their clinical sequence courses (3 credit hours per semester) should complete **54 credit hours** (all core and electives) prior to the beginning of the clinical sequence:

- ▶ Practicum only
- ▶ Internship I only
- ▶ Internship II only

**Note that Students enrolling in only 3 credit hours per semester will not qualify for financial aid.**

The university must recommend the student at TWO points.

1. To register for the TEXES exam after they have made 85% on the practice test  
AND
2. For FINAL approval for SC certification when the student has finished all requirements (conferral, passing TEXES exam, internship requirements, online payment to TEA/SBOE, etc.). TEXES exam results are NOT sent to the SMU Program in Counseling, so the student must notify the faculty contact when final recommendation for counselor certification is needed.

<b>**PRE-PRACTICUM ELECTIVE CONSIDERATIONS:</b>	
<b>Please Note:</b> Courses designated as “required” must be completed in full before students will be permitted to work with the corresponding populations during practicum. If course is taken concurrently with Practicum, the course professor must grant approval prior to servicing the designated population. Courses designated as “recommended” are suggested <i>in addition to</i> the stated required course.	
POPULATION	COURSES
<b>Children ages 2 – 8</b> (indiv. play)	<b>Required:</b> HDCN 6343 – Child Counseling: Play Therapy
<b>Children ages 8 – 9</b> (indiv. play)	<b>Required:</b> HDCN 6343 – Child Counseling: Play Therapy <b>or</b> HDCN 6323 - Adolescent Counseling
<b>Pre-Adolescents ages 10 – 12</b> (indiv.)	<b>Required:</b> HDCN 6323 - Adolescent Counseling
<b>Adolescents ages 13 – 17</b> (indiv./group)	<b>Required:</b> HDCN 6323 - Adolescent Counseling
<b>Couples</b>	<b>Recommended:</b> HDCN 6311 - Couples Counseling
<b>Families with Children ages 2 - 8</b>	<b>Required:</b> HDCN 6325 - Therapeutic Parenting: Family Play and Child/Adolescent Parent Relationship Therapy <b>or</b> HDCN 6343 – Child Counseling: Play Therapy
<b>Families with Children ages 8 - 18</b>	<b>Required:</b> HDCN 6325 - Therapeutic Parenting: Family Play and Child/Adolescent Parent Relationship Therapy <b>or</b> HDCN 6323 - Adolescent Counseling
<b>Group Parent Training and CPRT</b>	<b>Required:</b> HDCN 6325 - Therapeutic Parenting: Family Play and Child/Adolescent Parent Relationship Therapy
<b>One-to-One Parent Training</b>	<b>Recommended:</b> HDCN 6325 - Therapeutic Parenting: Family Play and Child/Adolescent Parent Relationship Therapy