

Counselor Certification

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

The INSPIRE TEXAS Counselor Certification Program by Region 4 provides flexible yet comprehensive training to meet the specific needs of future counselors. Upon successful completion of all program requirements, you will be eligible for the standard school counselor certificate. The program offers a complete online training format (Blackboard®) and a 12-month supervised practicum where you may be eligible for a 1-year probationary school counselor certificate.

CLASSES BEGIN IN JAN., APRIL, JULY, AND OCT.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Each counselor intern completes approximately 200 hours of program training, which includes course work, seminars, field experience, capstone, and an additional 160 hours for the practicum.

Practicums can be completed at any accredited school district, charter school, or private school in Texas. Theory and practice are integrated by allowing the intern to apply classroom knowledge and theory to experiences in the school setting.

REQUIRES: MASTER'S DEGREE, VALID TEACHER CERTIFICATE, AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE, AND DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP SKILLS

100% Online, Statewide.



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APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- Master's degree or other advanced degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or an institution acceptable under the standards set for foreign universities

Note: You may apply and begin your counselor certification training during the last semester of course work leading to the completion of a master's degree.

- Valid teacher certificate
- At least 2 years of successful teaching experience listed on service record
- Demonstrated leadership skills in professional and community activities
- Approval from a certified school counselor to serve as your mentor

ADMISSION PROCESS

Complete an online application at INSPIRETEXAS.NET and submit the following documents at least 15 days prior to the application deadline.

- Official transcripts, in sealed envelopes, from colleges/universities
- Copy of valid teacher certificate
- Certified or notarized copy of service record indicating a minimum of 2 years of credible teaching experience
- Letter of reference from current principal or supervisor (if current position is not campus based) on school or school district letterhead

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15TH DAY OF MONTH PRIOR TO START OF CYCLE

PROGRAM FEES

You have the flexibility to pay your counselor training fee of \$5,150 in 12 installments. Fees also include online courses, field supervision, and other program-related costs.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

- Application fee (\$50)
- Textbook costs and fees for materials related to course work and training
- Cost of School Counselor TExES exam #152 in last semester of internship (\$120)
- Application fee for probationary school counselor certificate (\$52—if required for position)
- Application fee for standard school counselor certificate (\$77)

(All program fees are subject to change without notice.)