

School Counseling Admission Requirements

- (a) Prior to admission to an educator preparation program leading to the School Counselor Certificate, an individual must:
- (1) hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and
 - (2) meet the requirements for admission to an educator preparation program under Chapter 227 of this title (relating to Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates).
- (b) An educator preparation program may adopt requirements for admission in addition to those required in subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) Online Application Form
- (d) Degree and Minimum GPA
- (1) Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
 - (2) Minimum GPA: 3.0
- (e) Transcripts
- (1) Official transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges and universities where degrees were conferred
- (f) Official GMAT/GRE Score
- (1) No entrance exams required
- (g) Additional requirements
- (1) Background check fee: \$10
 - (2) Completed background check and authorization form
 - (3) Personal Statement
 - (4) Student acknowledgement form
 - (5) Student questionnaire
 - (6) Reference form
 - (7) A complete and current resume
- (8) FERPA Consent to Release Educational Records and information form (written consent for release of test records to certification officer and program faculty)
- (9) Current teaching license (if you're a teacher)
- (10) Teaching Service Record is no longer required. If a student was admitted to the program prior to September 1, 2023, the student is required to have 2 years of teaching experience according to TAC Code 239.20. If a student is admitted to the program after September 1, 2023, the student is not required to have 2 years of teaching experience according to Senate Bill (SB) 798.