Why choose the UT Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program?

We know there are many counseling and related program options available to you. So here are some reasons we feel our clinical counseling program stands above the rest.

**UT Clinical Mental Health Counseling Students have the opportunity to:**

♦ Participate in a high energy, open-door, positive learning environment; where high standards and a supportive, cooperative atmosphere come together to for excellence in counselor education

♦ Learn within a small program, where faculty and students work closely together and know each other well; while also learning within a large university, where exciting opportunities abound

♦ Establish a network of supportive relationships that are sustained throughout the program and beyond

♦ Attend a long-standing CACREP-accredited program that
  • Adds additional rigor balanced with support to your professional preparation
  • Increases the certainty that your coursework prepares you well for requirements across states

♦ Enhance your learning and skills through a variety of special opportunities such as:
  • The UT REACH Project, where you can partner with faculty in service and research providing child-centered play therapy and related family services for children ages 3 and up whose behavior and life circumstances identify them as at-high-risk
  • The Grief Outreach Initiative, where you can learn about counseling youth experiencing a loss and work with grieving K-12 students
  • The University-Assisted Community Schools Program, where you can volunteer in an after-school program designed to help low-income youth
  • The FUTURE Program, where you can volunteer to provide career counseling for young adults with intellectual disabilities

♦ Access elective study and other opportunities to specialize in the areas of service preparation fitting your passions, available at our large flagship, research intensive university

♦ Enjoy a wide range of faculty expertise from counseling children and play therapy to the needs of persons with serious concerns throughout the life span

♦ Learn from and engage with faculty who are highly involved in the professional associations of our field

♦ Work with faculty on research, advocacy, and professional development projects

♦ Embrace a set of personal dispositions, known as CORIS, that guides program values and training

♦ Learn from and engage with faculty who conduct cutting-edge research, writing the high quality articles and books that are moving the counseling profession forward

*So, as you consider your many graduate options, remember UT’s Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program and the reasons it may be a great fit for you.*