

# PROGRAMS 2022-2023



## **OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Office of Graduate Studies at the Texas A&M University-Texarkana, is to advance and enhance graduate education, research, and scholarship and serve as a central resource to all graduate programs through clear and consistent procedures, policies, standards. It strives to foster a learning environment to support and facilitate graduate students' academic and professional success. Our guiding principles are excellence, equity, diversity, opportunity, and creativity.





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# ABOUT A&M-TEXARKANA



PUBLIC UNIVERSITY WITH OVER 2000 STUDENTS.



15 MASTER'S, DOCTORAL, CERTIFICATE AND DEGREES.



23 UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE OF 20 STUDENTS.



14:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO.



LOCATED IN THE SAFE AND FRIENDLY CITY OF TEXARKANA.

# A NOTE FROM THE **ASSOCIATE PROVOST**

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as Associate Provost and in charge of the Office of the Graduate Studies at Texas A&M University at Texarkana. I am delighted to welcome you and provide information about our graduate programs. As a member of The Texas A&M University System, one of the largest and most distinguished higher education systems in the nation, we provide students with academically challenging, engaging, and rewarding educational experiences through quality teaching, scholarship, student support services, co-curricular programming, research, and service to become leaders in their chosen profession and to prepare for the opportunities of serving in a global environment.

Our program offerings exhibit extraordinary breadth, spanning the humanities, sciences, engineering, social sciences, arts, professions, and programs, some of which are unique only to this campus. The distinct advantage of joining A&M, Texarkana is to pursue academics and professional development in an enriching environment—one where world-class excellent faculty and students together reap the benefits of small classrooms and one-on-one mentoring relationships.

The Office of the Graduate Studies is committed to serving and supporting our students, faculty, and staff engaged in graduate education. Our goal is to ensure all students access the knowledge, resources, and services they need to thrive in their graduate programs and make their graduate education experience rewarding and successful. I know that you will find A&M Texarkana an inclusive, exciting, and supportive environment for pursuing your graduate studies and personal goals.

Please take your time to explore our website and catalog to learn more about us and our programs. I look forward to you joining the Eagle Family!

I hope you and yours remain safe, healthy, and well.

Sincerely, Sushil K. Sharma Associate Provost



#### APPLYING TO GRAD SCHOOL

- First- apply to your program of study and submit all information as prescribed on your program application check list.
- Second, once all items are received your application packet will be sent to the appropriate Graduate Program Coordinator for review.
- If your program requires an interview, you will be contacted for this after this step.
- Lastly, the Graduate Program Coordinator will give their admission response to the Office of Graduate Studies, and you will receive your Admission Decision Letter.
- If admitted, you will then be able to register for classes through your
   Web for Students Account.
- If you are not able to enroll for the semester you applied for, you are granted one free change of term. Please note: You must re-apply for admission if you have already used your free deferment.



## APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

Graduate Admission to Texas A&M University-Texarkana is open to qualified individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or educationally unrelated handicaps. Students may apply for admission to Texas A&M University-Texarkana by applying here-tamut.edu/apply

Please answer all questions on the application accurately. If the university grants a student admission on the basis of incorrect information or omitted facts, which, if known, would invalidate the applicant's eligibility, that student's admission is invalid. The completed application, official transcripts from all previous colleges and universities, and supporting documents constitute the basis upon which authorities determine eligibility for admission.

In accordance with the Texas record-retention requirements, the Graduate Admissions office will keep an application for admission on file for one year. After that date, the office will destroy the application for admission and file contents.

Students applying for Graduate Admissions to Texas A&M University-Texarkana are required to pay a non-refundable application processing fee. Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing your admission application. Graduate Admissions must receive the application fee and admissions documents (official transcripts, resume, test scores, etc) within 90 days of submission of the application to avoid cancellation. The applicant must review the admissions requirements and check his or her admission status online regularly to confirm receipt of the items Admissions requires for his or her admission file.

The application fee is \$30.00.

International Students will also have a \$50.00 application fee for any program they apply to.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS

For information regarding documentation for International Studies, please visit our International Studies page.

# GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSION MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

ACUMULATIVE BACCALAUREATE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF AT LEAST 2.5 ON A U.S. 4.0 SCALE

**RESUME** 

LETTER OF INTEREST

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Each program will have specific admission requirements, please check the admission checklist for the program of your choice.

**Resume -** This document is used to assess the background experiences, activities, and possible skills that an applicant is able to document through work and life history. Care should be taken to tailor your resume to the program of study for which you are applying. Most resumes that graduate applicants submit are between 1-2 pages in length.

Letters of Intent/Interest - This brief paper should allow the reader to better understand your rationale, life story and purpose in seeking this degree. Because effective writing skills are necessary to be successful in graduate school, program faculty typically review these papers from the perspective of your commitment and interest in the degree, as well as your overall skill and aptitude for effective and professional writing. Most letters of intent/interest that graduate applicants submit are between 2-4 pages in length.

**Recommendation Letters -** Graduate school requires a multitude of different positive and effective professional attributes. Faculty attend to the suggestions, feedback and offerings by other professionals regarding your performance in previous institutions, work settings and other professional venues. Recommendation letters may be completed by former co-workers, instructors, supervisors, or any other professionals who can clearly attest to the work, study and/or professional habits and styles of the applicant.









Official Transcripts - University policy forbids anyone from being fully accepted into a graduate degree program without first supplying the university with an official transcript from each and every college/university the applicant attended. It is important to note that ALL transcripts must come directly from the institution of record (mailed or hand delivered in an unopened envelope sealed by the issuing institution), and must be official. To be accepted into the University, applicants must have an overall or last 60 SCH of 2.5 or higher. Degree programs may require a higher GPA for admission.

**Official transcripts can be mailed to:** Texas A&M University-Texarkana, ATTN: Office of Admissions, 7101 University Ave, Texarkana, TX 75503

Or electronically to: ADMISSIONS@TAMUT.EDU

**Other Materials -** Because the graduate level of education requires in-depth training regarding the program of study, some degree programs require additional documentation or information before making a final admissions decision.

In-Person Interviews - The counseling program (both clinical mental health and school) require an in-person interview with the program faculty. This interview is typically 20 minutes in length and is used as a part of the overall assessment of fit within the field of professional counseling. The Adult and Higher Education program requires that all applicants meet with the program coordinator (Dr. Gaynell Green) for an in-person interview prior to full acceptance into the program. The Instructional Technology program requires that applicants complete an in-person, skype or phone interview prior to acceptance in the program.

**Standardized Tests (GRE, MAT, GMAT)** - One of the predictors used nationally to determine aptitude and potential ability in meeting the academic rigors of graduate studies is the use of a standardized test. Some programs require official scores on these exams as a part of the overall assessment of applicants. The Testing Center offers the MAT on a regular basis throughout the school year. Please check the Testing Center website for more information on procedures for setting up a test and testing dates.

- \*\* MS Social Work, MS Nursing and Doctor of Education Leadership only accept applications once a year. Check their program webpage for more information regarding application deadline dates.
- \*\*\*International Students are only accepted to begin their program in the fall or spring semester. We are not able to admit an International Student to begin study during the summer semester.



# WHY A&M-TEXARKANA?

STUDENTS COME FROM ALL 50 STATES AND 70 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1974. WE BECAME PART OF THE TEXAS A&M SYSTEM IN 1996.

RANKED AMONG THE "TOP 100 PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES" BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT.

NAMED "BEST REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES IN THE WEST" BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT.

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE HANDS-ON, REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO PURSUE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

OUR NURSING PROGRAM IS CCNE ACCREDITED AND HAS STATE OF THE ART NURSING SIMULATION LABS.

THE BUSINESS PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY IS AMONG THE WORLD'S TOP FIVE PERCENT OF BUSINESS SCHOOLS HOLDING AACSB ACCREDITATION.

#### When is the deadline to apply?

The priority deadline to apply for admission is:

- Fall Semester April 1
- Summer Semester May 1
- Spring Semester October 1

Applications received after the deadline date may be considered but admission to the program may not be approved until the following semester.

#### What Grade Point Average (GPA) is needed to be admitted?

Applicants must submit official transcripts that provide a cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all undergraduate and graduate work that is completed and/or in progress.

The minimum acceptable undergraduate (or graduate, where applicable) GPA is 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to be accepted into the graduate school. Admission to each graduate program has their own individual GPA requirement for admission. Please consult your programs admission checklist for GPA requirement.

#### Can my credits from another college or university be transferred?

Texas A&M University-Texarkana allows a maximum of 12 sch of transfer credit. The transfer credits must be graduate school level and have a completed grade of B or higher. It will be up to the individual program to determine if your transfer credit will be allowed to count as part of your degree program.

#### What is the cost of the program?

- Program cost is based on residency.
- Residents of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma will pay "In-State Tuition & Mandatory fees"
- Residents of all other continental states will pay "Border State Tuition & Mandatory Fees"
- Residents of Alaska, Hawaii, and other countries will be "Non-resident tuition & Mandatory fees"
- You may use this link to view the Graduate Two-Year Tuition & Fee Schedule or the Doctoral Cohort Tuition & Fee Schedule. The columns on the far-right hand side will help with determining your estimated tuition and fees for each semester.

tamut.edu/Admissions/Enrollment-Services/Tuition-and-Fees/index.html

#### **GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico Residents

Credit Hours Tuition*	3 Hours	6 Hours	9 Hours	12 Hours	15 Hours
Tuition*	\$1,1/3.03	\$2,089.93	\$3,007.99	\$4,204.48	\$4,653.37

#### 44 Contiguous State Residents

Credit Hours	3 Hours	6 Hours	9 Hours	12 Hours	15 Hours
Tuition*	\$1,287.69	\$2,321.68	\$3,354.44	\$4,666.77	\$5,231.53
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#### Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico + International Residents

Credit Hours	3 Hours	6 Hours	9 Hours	12 Hours	15 Hours
Credit Hours Tuition*	\$2,742.24	\$5,229.52	\$7,718.07	\$10,484.93	\$12,504.27
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#### **DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico Residents

Credit Hours	3 Hours	6 Hours	9 Hours	12 Hours	15 Hours
Tuition*	\$1,314.86	\$2,345.79	\$3,375.35	\$4,721.19	\$5,225.73

#### 44 Contiguous State Residents

Credit Hours	3 Hours	6 Hours	9 Hours	12 Hours	15 Hours
Credit Hours Tuition*	\$1,445.05	\$2,604.83	\$3,765.94	\$5,240.66	\$5,875.35
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#### Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico + International Residents

Credit Hours	3 Hours	6 Hours	9 Hours	12 Hours	15 Hours
Credit Hours Tuition*	\$3,076.43	\$5,868.94	\$8,661.47	\$11,768.89	\$14,036.33
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<sup>\*</sup>Estimated rates above do not include specific course fees (i.e. web-enhanced, differential, lab, nursing, etc.), or the cost of housing, meal plans, or books.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana offers many financial aid options to help pay for your college expenses. We recognize that financial assistance is an important key to your educational goals and success. We are committed to helping you secure your dreams at Texas A&M University-Texarkana by maximizing sources of governmental, state and institutional funding.

To better assist our students, we offer one on one counseling to answer any questions or concerns you might have. We also offer a financial literacy program to better educate our students on making the right financial choices.

In order to receive financial aid, all students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and list Texas A&M University Texarkana (school code 031703) on their FAFSA. All students will need a FSA ID (www.fsaid.ed.gov) to complete a FAFSA.

January 15th is the priority deadline for the completion of the FAFSA and submission of all required financial aid documents for the award year. The Financial Aid Office (FAO) uses the university issued Ace Mail email account for all official university communication. It is suggested students check their Ace Mail account frequently.

A students' award package is an estimate based on their projected enrollment status of full time for undergraduates and half time for graduates, to be adjusted after the census date each semester. Aid is disbursed to students no earlier than 10 days before the start of each semester. If a credit balance is given to a student before the census date, it is the student's responsibility to return any funds issued when graduate enrollment is less than half time. Awards are subject to change due to a variety of factors. Be advised, it is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office (FAO) of any enrollment changes, as these changes may directly affect your Financial Aid package.









## TYPES OF AID

Students are eligible for various types of aid including federal, institutional, and state funds. Students may be eligible for the following:

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Loans
- Private (Alternative) Loan
- Student Employment

The Financial Aid Office (FAO) will award every form of aid a particular student is eligible for underneath the student's Cost of Attendance (COA). Monies in which repayment is not required are awarded first in an effort to minimize student debt. All financial aid funds, with the exception of Federal Work Study, are awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE AWARDED BASED ON HALF-TIME ENROLLMENT. Students are encouraged to notify the FAO of any enrollment of less than full time. Any changes in enrollment will be adjusted by the FAO to accurately reflect students' enrollment plans.

The Veteran Services Center (VSC) at Texas A&M University-Texarkana assists United States military members (Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard), veterans, and their eligible dependents in achieving their academic goals through support and services leading to a seamless transition from military to civilian life. Information and benefits counseling are available in the VSC, BASS Rm 132, by visiting the Veteran Services webpage or by emailing veterans@tamut.edu.

Enrollment is certified to the appropriate agency upon request of the student. Any student enrolled at A&M-Texarkana who is eligible for VA Educational Benefits or State of Texas military education benefits should visit the VSC to determine the documents to validate eligibility for benefits. Military Education Transcripts

In addition to civilian education transcripts, military students must have their military education transcript sent to the Texas A&M University-Texarkana Office of Admissions for evaluation. Students who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard (Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard) should submit a Joint Service Transcript (JST). Students who served in the Air Force (Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard) should submit a Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcript. Please contact the A&M-Texarkana Veteran Services Center at 903-334-6602 or veterans@tamut.edu for information on requesting these transcripts.

#### PRIORITY REGISTRATION

During registration periods, registration for classes is opened to students based on classification. The first phase is opened to doctoral, graduates, and seniors, then juniors, then sophomores, and followed by freshmen. All continuing military community students will be eligible to register starting with the first phase of registration regardless of their classification. This will be achieved through an Alternate Registration pin that will be provided by the School Certifying Official. Emails will be sent to the students' ACE email account to prepare for registration prior to the registration period.

Veterans Service Center- University Center, BASS Rm 132 7101 University Ave., Texarkana, TX 75503

Phone: 903-334-6602 Fax: 903.223.3140 Email: Veterans@tamut.edu

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm



## ADVISEMENT AND DEGREE PLANNING

Students should contact the appropriate Graduate Program Administrative Coordinator to obtain a list of items required for graduate program admission. Students should direct specific program questions to the appropriate faculty member or college dean.

Students must complete and submit the required paperwork to the admissions committee of the appropriate program for consideration by the program deadline. The admissions committee will do one of the following:

(a) grant full admission

(b) grant provisional admission

or (c) deny admission

- The Office of Graduate Studies will notify students by letter of their admission status.
- If the admissions committee grants full admission, the Office of Graduate Studies will inform the student to contact their assigned advisor to schedule an appointment for advisement. Students can review their DegreeWorks evaluation listing their degree requirements. Students are encouraged to utilize their DegreeWorks evaluation often to confirm the university has the correct major information on file, to complete the program properly, and to ensure eligibility for graduation.
- If the admissions committee grants provisional admission, the university
  will allow the student a maximum of three years to complete 12 hours of
  graduate course work and to submit the application for reconsideration.
  The student must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better
  for the committee to reconsider an application for full admission.
  Students should contact the college office or the Office of Graduate
  Studies for assistance.

The Office of Graduate Studies must approve in writing any subsequent changes or course substitution for degree plans, and the substitution form must be filed with the Registrar's Office prior to enrollment in the courses. Students must contact their faculty advisor, the Graduate Program Administrative Coordinator, or the Office of Graduate Studies concerning these requests.

If the student chooses the thesis option, he or she must provide the Office of Graduate Studies with a copy of the plan with all advisory committee signatures. This option requires six credit hours for satisfactory completion of a thesis.



# **ACCOUNTING**

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **Master of Science in Accounting** (MSA) program at A&M-Texarkana is offered fully online and is designed to prepare students for a professional career in a variety of accounting-related areas in the public, private, and governmental sectors. The MSA program focuses on accounting and managerial skills which drive dynamic leadership in the corporate environment. A combination of high impact experiences and interactive collaborations enhance the learning dynamic to provide an effective and engaging environment for critical thinking and analysis.

## **CAREER PATHS**

AUDITOR
INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNTANT
FINANCIAL ANALYST
FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT
MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTANT
CORPORATE CONTROLLER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)



# ALTERNATIVE TEACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Texas A&M University-Texarkana offers an **Alternative Certification Program** for individuals who have a bachelor's degree and want to teach. Candidates seeking teaching certification earn master's-level credit while completing the alternative certification program through online and webenhanced courses.



### MASTER OF

# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Texas A&M University-Texarkana offers a graduate program in **business administration** that is designed to enhance student's knowledge and leadership skills needed to succeed in today's fast-paced and rapidly evolving business world. The Master of Business Administration at A&M-Texarkana is offered as both a fully online experience as well as a web-enhanced model, where students study in the classroom and complete their coursework online. The MBA at Texas A&M University-Texarkana is offered in four concentrations: energy leadership, information technology, management and supply chain management.

#### CAREER PATHS

BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER
FINANCIAL MANAGER
HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, OR IT, MANAGER
MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
MARKETING MANAGER
MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES MANAGER



### MASTER OF

# COMMUNICATION

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **M.A.** in **Communication** at Texas A&M-Texarkana focuses on the social science research tradition in Communication Studies (including interpersonal, organizational, intercultural, and instructional communication) as well as the theory and practice of mediated communication and emerging media. The program offers graduate students a comprehensive conceptual framework and skill set for proficient work in a wide range of rapidly changing communication professions. Any profession requiring practitioners to create meaningful dialogue between people and groups in order to accomplish common objectives and resolve problems will benefit from the skill set offered by this degree.

## CAREER PATHS

ADVERTISING
CONSULTING
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
COMMUNICATION EDUCATION
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS
EVENTS MANAGEMENT
JOURNALISM
MARKETING RESEARCH
MEDIA RELATIONS
PUBLIC RELATIONS
PUBLISHING
SOCIAL MARKETING

# COUNSELING

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program consists of 60 credit hours. The program is CACREP accredited. The Counseling faculty are committed to the training of effective professional mental health workers. Following the completion of most of the coursework, students have the opportunity to translate coursework into practicum and internship field experiences. Students seeking a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health participate in a total of 9 semester credit hours of field experiences at approved services agencies that provide counseling services.

### **CAREER PATHS**

SUBSTANCE ABUSE, BEHAVIORAL DISORDER,
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SCHOOL AND CAREER COUNSELORS

CLINICAL DIRECTOR

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGIST

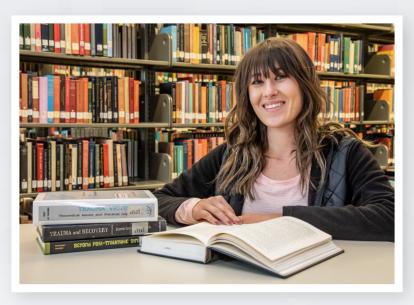


# SCHOOL COUNSELING

WITH SCHOOL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in School Counseling program consist of 48 credit hours. The Counseling faculty are committed to the training effective school counselors. Following the completion of the majority of coursework, students have the opportunity to translate coursework into a practicum experience within the school setting. All students seeking a master's degree in school counseling are required to participate in 3 semester credit hours of practicum at an approved school. Students who are accepted into the school counseling program must apply to the TK20 program prior to enrolling in courses.



# CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction at A&M-Texarkana teaches theoretical applications to the design of curriculum, instruction, and assessment in various learning environments. Students investigate legal issues, use innovative research methodologies, and experience current developments in technology. Curriculum and instruction focuses on best practices in education and new teaching trends and using them to address student diversity and enhance learning in the classroom and beyond.

## **CAREER PATHS**

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST
CURRICULUM DESIGN MANAGER
EDUCATION SPECIALIST
PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP

PUBLIC, PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL,
MAGNET AND CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATORS
MUSEUMS OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING
EDUCATION PROGRAMS

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS
SPECIALIZING IN EDUCATION

TEXTBOOK AND CURRICULUM COMPANIES

## MASTER OF EDUCATION

# **EDUCATION LEADERSHIP**

WITH PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Education in Education Leadership (MEd) with Principal Certification program offers a learning experience that is designed for education professionals who would like to transition into a leadership role in their career. The courses are delivered in a fully online environment, and small class sizes allow students to build relationships with other students and faculty through synchronous online interactions. Our authentic campus leadership activities are designed to prepare students for the two state assessments and for the actual role of being a campus principal. All courses are taught by former Texas principals, who combine real-world experience with standard classroom instruction to better prepare graduates for their role as campus administrators.

#### **CAREER PATHS**

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OR SUPERVISOR

COLLEGE PROVOST

CURRICULUM DEVELOPER

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT

SPECIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

# DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

# **EDUCATION LEADERSHIP**

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The **Doctor of Education in Education Leadership** (Ed.D.) degree is designed for those seeking leadership positions public school districts, higher education, state or federal agencies, private sector. Program is designed for graduation success by providing the quality of a doctoral experience and flexibility for working professionals. The A&M - Texarkana is a proud member of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED). Distinctive qualities of program include:

- In-depth Faculty Support of Students, as is distinctive of all A&M-Texarkana programs.
- Evidence-based cohort model for peer support. Students meet together three weekends a semester for core content. This program is not available to students unable to travel to campus periodically throughout the semester.
- Opportunities for state, national, and international travel.
- Convenient and flexible for students outside the immediate vicinity while providing student/peer support and faculty interaction.
- Up to 12 hours of competency-based or transfer credit available.

Applications are accepted year-round so doctoral students may start their cognate (concentration area) before starting doctoral coursework with a cohort. For example, applicant may want to earn their superintendent certification in two semesters (Summer and Fall) prior to cohort coursework. Cognate courses are graduate courses (12 SCH) beyond an initial master's degree that meet a candidate's long-term goals. Cognate courses may include but are not limited to, principal or superintendent certification courses or higher education courses. Cognates must be approved by the program chair. Doctoral students must apply to and be accepted by the A&M-Texarkana Scholars of Practice doctoral program to receive financial aid. Cohort coursework starts in the spring semester.



# MASTER OF ARTS

# **ENGLISH**

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Texas A&M University-Texarkana offers a **Master of Arts in English** that provides a personalized, supportive learning experience for students interested in deepening their understanding of the English language, literature, popular culture, creative writing, rhetoric, and writing studies. In addition to their regular classroom instruction, students can gain experience with faculty as research assistants and teaching assistants, receive valuable editorial experience with our literary journal, *Aquila Review*, and/or to mentor student writers as a writing consultant in the university's Success Center.

## **CAREER PATHS**

ENGLISH TEACHER

AUTHOR

GRANT WRITER

CONTENT WRITER

LECTURER

EDITOR

PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

TECHNICAL WRITER

COPYWRITER

PUBLISHER

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

DEAN

# **HISTORY**

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Texas A&M University-Texarkana offers a **Master of Science in History** that engages students with the past, encourages them to acquire insights into historic processes and events, and allows them to sharpen their skills in analytical reasoning, critical thinking, and communications while preparing them for a variety of careers. Courses cover the breadth of human experiences and offer in-depth studies of ancient, medieval, and modern Europe, the history of the United States, modern Latin America, and modern Asia. We also offer courses in local, regional, and public history leading to our Certificate in Public History.

#### CAREER PATHS

HISTORY PROFESSOR
HISTORIAN
ARCHIVIST
MUSEUM CURATOR
POLITICAL SCIENTIST
ARCHAEOLOGIST
GENEALOGIST
MUSEUM TECHNICIAN
UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGIST
GEOGRAPHER
WRITER AND EDITOR
POLITICAL SCIENTIST
ARCHIVIST

# INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Instructional Technology degree explores the role that established and emerging technologies can play in improving education. Classes focus on the design, development, and implementation of effective instruction for a variety of audiences and settings, including K-12 schools, higher education, and training/professional development in business, industry, and government. Developed to be completed in as little as 1 year, this fully online degree focuses on the design, development, and implementation of effective instruction for a variety of audiences and settings.

#### **CAREER PATHS**

INSTRUCTIONAL COORDINATOR
CHIEF LEARNING OFFICER
ELEARNING DEVELOPER
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGIST
INTERFACE AND MULTIMEDIA DESIGNER
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
TRAINING DIRECTOR
TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION SPECIALIST
TEACHER (K-12 CLASSROOM)

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies degree (MSIS) at Texas A&M University-Texarkana is designed to give the student the flexibility to choose an academic program that will work best for their individual career path or long-term goals. Traditional master's degree programs typically stay focused within a single discipline, but the MSIS degree allows each student to select an anchor academic discipline and two supplemental disciplines to build a degree plan that is tailor made to fit their personal needs. A&M-Texarkana's MSIS degree offers options for anchor disciplines in English, biology, history, communication, educational administration, mathematics and mathematics education, instructional technology, special education, education, and reading.

# **CAREER PATHS**

TEACHER
COUNSELOR
JOURNALIST
ENTREPRENEUR
PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSOR
FINANCIAL ADVISOR
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER
PROJECT MANAGER

# **NURSING**

NURSING ADMINISTRATION

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Master of Science in Nursing - Nursing Administration degree at Texas A&M University-Texarkana prepares nurses to serve in administrative roles in healthcare settings and provide leadership in the profession. This program is designed to facilitate the integration and application of advanced administrative theory and skills. Course content includes system performance, organizational behavior, health policy, health law and ethics, resource management, and administrative issues. An administrative practicum experience in healthcare settings is selected relative to individual student interests and learning needs.

## **CAREER PATHS**

CHIEF NURSING OFFICER
NURSE ADMINISTRATOR
DIRECTOR OF NURSING
NURSE MANAGER
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
NURSE INFORMATICS
CLINICAL NURSE RESEARCHER
LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT



# **PSYCHOLOGY**

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A&M-Texarkana's **Master of Science in Psychology** is designed to build and enhance the skills needed to function in professional roles related to Psychology including research and teaching. The program offers advanced training in psychology, brain function, human development and behavior as well as basic and advanced research methods. Student interaction, real life examples of cognitive function and behavioral patterns along with rich face to face discussions form the learning dynamic, while students are also provided an engaging and effective environment to stimulate critical thinking, writing skills and interpersonal communications.

### **CAREER PATHS**

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER

MARKET RESEARCHER

PROJECT COORDINATOR/MANAGER

FAMILY SERVICES WORKER

SOCIAL SERVICE MANAGER

HEALTH PROJECT COORDINATOR

EMPLOYEE TRAINER

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

DATA ANALYST/MANAGER

ORGANIZATIONAL CONSULTANT

INTERVENTION ADVOCATE

# PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program at A&M-Texarkana is divided into two tracks, post-MSN and BSN to MSN. Both tracks are offered in a hybrid manner to incorporate face-to-face time with A&M-Texarkana faculty, including evaluation of clinical skills. The didactic portion of the curriculum will be offered online as both synchronous and asynchronous learning to assist students who are working while pursuing an advanced degree. Clinical immersion days will be scheduled prior to the beginning of each semester to allow students adequate time to arrange their personal schedules. All graduates will be academically and experientially qualified to seek national board certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

#### **CAREER PATHS**

TRAVEL NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)
INSURANCE
SCHOOLS
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### MASTER OF

# **SOCIAL WORK**

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Texas A&M University-Texarkana **Master of Social Work** program is to educate students to address regional problems such as poverty, inequality, and trauma, and to promote community health and wellbeing at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. The program is designed to accomplish this by creating and maintaining a strong link between the university and the community through field partnerships, service, and research. Students will graduate as competent social workers who are job ready and prepared for the challenges they will encounter as they help strengthen the community and advance opportunities for all of its citizens.

# **CAREER PATHS**

THERAPIST OR COUNSELOR
MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER
HOSPICE SOCIAL WORKER
COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER
HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALIST
PROBATION OFFICER
BEHAVIORAL MANAGEMENT
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS
FOSTER CARE SOCIAL WORKER





#### DEGREE PROGRAMS & RESOURCES FAQ

#### How do I review courses and course descriptions for my program?

Course descriptions are available on the university catalog in the section titled Course Descriptions.

#### Will my diploma show that I completed an online degree program?

Upon completion of all degree requirements, you will obtain a master's degree but it will not state that you completed the program online as the curriculum requirements are the same as required for a student studying on campus.

#### Which degree is offered online?

The following degrees are offered fully online:

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)
- Master of Science in Instructional Technology
- Master of Education in Education Leadership with Principal Certification
- Principal Certification program
- Superintendent Certification program
- Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction

#### What technology would I need to complete this program?

See our Technology Requirements page for details.

#### Which courses are offered online?

Courses offered online may vary each term. Course offerings for the current/upcoming term may be found on our Current Schedule page.





#### **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

Each semester, the Office of Graduate Studies hosts a New and Current Graduate Student Orientation/Mixer. This orientation brings together graduate students, faculty, and alumni to share experiences within graduate school.

#### CAREER SERVICES

Our Career Services Office offers a wide range of useful tools to assist our graduate students in preparation of moving forward in their career through resume and cover letter review and even interview preparation.

Office of Research & Sponsored Projects

Small Grant/Dissertation Award

#### LIBRARY

The Texas A&M University-Texarkana library is named in honor of the university's founding president, Dr. John F. Moss. It is located on the south side of the third and fourth floors in the University Center. For users' convenience, the library provides the following amenities: KIC, the Knowledge Imaging Center, which offers the ability to copy pages from books, resize, digitize and e-mail documents, or save as media files; an open computer lab for class assignments or research; computer print stations (black & white or color); scanners; the Commons Area for Leisure Reading with Best Sellers; magazines and newspaper rack; Media Services provides media equipment (digital cameras, camcorders, calculators, USB headsets, Nooks, Kindles, Notebooks); and two study rooms for collaborative study. Supplies Services offer kits containing items needed for projects as well as everyday items such as scissors, stapler, hole punch, etc., bibliographic instruction; exhibitions by regional artists and resources in a wide variety of formats

#### STUDENT SUPPORT FOR DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

Texas A&M University-Texarkana provides a guide that is intended to assist in identifying and locating dissertations and theses, both those written by students of Texas A&M University-Texarkana and those written at other schools. Departments regularly provide discipline-specific writing workshops.

- Five Minute Thesis
- IT Tools
- Teaching Resources
- Faculty Mentors
- Professional Development
- Graduate Writing Services

#### STUDENT RESOURCES

#### Virtual Tools and Software for Remote Learning

MS Teams is a web-based platform that allows effective collaboration by streamlining the entire meeting process. MS Teams has no restrictions for students, making it a popular option for hosting their meetings. The Office of Information Technology has good guides on setting up an appointment in Teams, whether you are setting it up through Outlook or Teams directly.

**Zoom** provides audio and audio/video conferencing with screen-sharing and text chat features, especially for small and large groups. Zoom meetings will need to be hosted on paid subscription accounts as the free version only allows for a 40-minute meeting.

**WebEx** is a web-based platform that allows effective collaboration by streamlining the entire meeting process, providing a secure online space to share all media-related information. Meetings can be scheduled and joined by any computer with internet access or even a mobile device. Meeting Center is limited to 8 participants.

#### SPECIALIZED OFFICE SPACES/LABS

One Button Studio- TAMUT's One Button Recording Studio (OBS) is open to faculty, staff, and students. Using only a flash drive or two, you can create quality recordings without the need for complicated hardware or time-consuming editing software. No video production experience is required! The OBS is located in University Center 322 and can be reserved via Ad Astra. Please visit the One Button Studio page on information on how to reserve your time and learn to how to create recordings.

#### STUDENT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Students must respect each others rights. These rights include respect for personal feelings, freedom from indignity of any type, freedom from the control of others except as may be in accord with published rules and procedures of Texas A&M University-Texarkana or the Texas A&M University System, and conditions that allow the best use of time and talents toward educational objectives. No officer or student, regardless of position or rank, shall violate these rights; the university will allow no custom, tradition, or regulation in conflict with these rights to prevail. At all times, students must recognize constituted authority, conform to the ordinary rules of good conduct, maintain honesty, respect the rights of others, protect private and public property, and make the best use of time toward the completion of



# GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES

an education. The "Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities" (Code) is neither exhaustive nor does it encompass all possible relationships between students and the institution. The "Code" is not rigid or unchangeable. As the relationship between students and the university grows, authorities may modify the "Code."

Students should know and observe university rules and procedures. Ignorance of these rules and procedures does not excuse students from adherence to them. Staff and university officials should endeavor to inform students of university rules, regulations, policies, and procedures whenever the circumstance applies. Students may find additional information on the Student Conduct website.

#### TRANSFER CREDIT

The university will accept a maximum of 12 hours of graduate level course work as transfer credit from another regionally accredited institution if the student's advisor and dean of the college approve the transfer of credit. The university can only accept transfer credit for students in masters degree programs in which the student earns a grade of "C" or better. Additionally, for masters degree seekers, transfer courses must have been completed within five years of admission to graduate studies at Texas A&M University-Texarkana. For students in doctoral programs, only approved courses in which the students earned a grade of "B" or better are accepted for transfer. For students in masters programs, the courses being transferred must be less than five years old. If older than five years, special permission is required by the program coordinator, Dean of the College, and Dean of Graduate Studies.

For students in doctoral programs, ALL coursework, whether completed at A&M Texarkana or transferred from another institution must be completed within 10 years from the date of admission into the doctoral program. All transfer credit counting toward the doctoral degree must be approved by the student's advisor, College Dean, and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. Please see the "Doctoral Program Handbook" for further information.

# FLEXIBLE CLASSES ONLINE OPTIONS



## **GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES**

# DOUBLE COUNTING CREDIT BETWEEN MASTER'S DEGREES Second Master's Degree

A student with a master's degree from this institution or another regionally accredited graduate school may earn a second master's degree by meeting the following requirements:

- 1. Apply to the program under the current admission criteria.
- Complete a minimum of 18 additional SCH of graduate-level courses (this requirement assumes that the advisor and college dean apply 12 SCH from the first master's degree and depends on the total number of SCH required for the individual degree).
- 3. Satisfactorily complete all requirements for the second degree.
- 4. Complete SCH the college requires for the degree. The program will administer comprehensive examinations for the second master's degree in the same manner as for the first degree. The second degree will be subject to the general regulations governing master's degrees except as stated above.

#### GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Graduate Student Research Symposium is a student research showcase. This event is a showcase of graduate student projects, either funded or nonfunded. The symposium gives students the opportunity to present their project to faculty, staff, fellow students, and member of the community. This even is a great way to network with faculty and potential employers.

#### GRADUATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Graduate Advisory Council (GAC) consists of faculty members from departments containing graduate programs. Its role is to offer advice and assistance to the Associate Provost/Dean Graduate Studies to recommend practices, guidelines, procedures, and standards for advancing, enhancing, and facilitating the quality of graduate programs.



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#### NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITIONS

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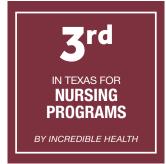


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#### NURSING PROGRAM

**COMING SOON - FNP Program** 

#### HISTORY PROGRAM

**COMING SOON - Graduate Certificate in Public History** 

#### **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**July 2021 -** Our doctoral program was accepted as member for the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED)

#### **DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP**

**January 2020 -** Cohort 3 started and included students from both public school and higher education backgrounds.

**Spring 2021** - Dr. Cooper, EDLD faculty, developed a software program for districts for calculating teacher incentive allotments.

**Over the last two years,** 21 doctoral students have presented at the annual conference for Southwest Educational Research Association (SERA) in San Antonio and New Orleans.

#### SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

**Andrea Smith (MSW 2022)** was the recipient of the 2021 Ima Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Scholarship recipient for \$5000.

**Myesha Holmes-Thomas** received the Innovative Project Award from the Adult Learning Alliance of Arkansas from work she did in her MSW field practicum.

The new **Community Advisory Board** for the social work program met in December to discuss its role and purpose, and how it can support the MSW program and its accreditation efforts.

The MSW program had its second accreditation site visit January 27th.

The **Social Work Student Association** has been actively engaged in activities and service:

- Delivered Thanksgiving baskets to families working with the Department of Family and Child Services
- Participated in the Big Event April 2021
- Participated in the Breast Cancer Walk in October 2021
- Held a social and mixer for members in October 2021
- Created and distributed self-care boxes for students during finals last month.

#### THESIS PROJECTS

In December 2020, **Christian S. A. Pippins** successfully defended her thesis, "The Forgotten Voices of Diane Nash and Victoria Jackson Gray Adams: A Rhetorical Analysis of Two Women Who Were the Backbone of the Civil Rights Movement," for her M.A. in English.

In March 2020, **Megan Flannery** successfully defended her thesis, "Undergraduate Literacy Practices on Social Network Sites and the Effect of Privacy Settings on Personal Disclosures," for her M.A. in English.

#### **DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS**

**Dr. Arthur Brown,** The Effects of Desegregation on African Americans: A Case Study of the Longview Independent School District

**Dr. Ty Cauthen,** Perceptions, Lived Experiences, and Decision-Making of Recidivist to Discipline Alternative Programs and Role Model Influence

**Dr. Melba Foster,** The Relationship Between Elementary Principal Certification and Student Literacy Achievement in First Grade: A Convergent Mixed Method Study

**Dr. Joshua Kessler,** An Exploratory Case Study of Superintendent Use of Non-Education Experience in Responding to District Challenges

**Dr. Catina Love,** Case Study of Teacher Identity Impact on Literacy Development with Economically Disadvantaged Students

**Dr. Georgia Neuman,** A Transcendental Phenomenological Study of Elementary Principals' Lived Experiences as the Campus Leader During a 21st Century Pandemic

#### SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

English M.A. alumni **Megan Flannery** (2020), **Christy Busby Worsham** (2019), and **Halie Buckner** (2019) had their proposal, "Complicating Commonplaces of Digitalness in Gen Z Writers and Writing" for the 2020 Conference on College Composition and Communication (canceled due to COVID-19).

**Halie Buckner** was also a recipient of a CCCC Professional Equity Project grant.

#### APPLYING FOR ADMISSION:

Students may apply for admission to Texas A&M University-Texarkana by applying here:

TAMUT.EDU/APPLY

#### **PRIORITY DEADLINES:**

April 1- Fall Semester

May 1- Summer Sessions

October 1- Spring Semester

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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