



Help youth
succeed in
school
and life

The **Master of Education in School Counseling online** (SC online) program will prepare you to become a culturally competent school counselor who can facilitate the social, emotional and academic development of students. Through the program, you will learn to understand and address the contextual issues that affect students through the lenses of college and career readiness, restorative justice and trauma-informed practice. You will leave the program prepared to pursue your credential as professional school counselor and equipped to effect lasting change.

Both full-time and part-time options are available.

49
MINIMUM
UNITS

20
MONTHS TO
COMPLETE
(FULL TIME)

32
MONTHS TO
COMPLETE
(PART TIME)

Through the SC online program, you will gain the knowledge and skills in the following areas:

College and Career Readiness

- Support students at all levels and capabilities with the skills and strategies to ensure their future success.
- Take into account the cultural, socioeconomic and emotional factors that influence success.
- Learn to support the range of pathways students take toward their well-being.

Restorative Justice

- Help students overcome challenges to their well-being, such as institutional oppression (e.g. poverty and racism), mental illness, and community and domestic violence.
- Employ strategies associated with restorative justice, including facilitating behavior management through accountability and promoting just treatment for all individuals.

Trauma-Informed Practice

- Gain an understanding of how physical or emotional trauma can be a barrier to children's success not only in school but also later in life.
- Develop skills that support teaching, learning and interacting in ways that acknowledge the stress that trauma can inflict on the lives of children and adults.

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PPS) SCHOOL COUNSELING CREDENTIAL

The SC online program prepares students to be recommended for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) PPS-SC Credential, which is required to be a school counselor in California. As part of the credential requirements, you must satisfy the CTC Basic Skills Requirement before enrolling (and registering for classes) in the program.

HANDS-ON FIELD EXPERIENCE

The SC online program integrates field experience with coursework. You will gain invaluable experience in K-12 schools in or near your own community, applying what you learn in the classroom to real situations affecting children, families and school administrations and the community. You will complete a 100-hour practicum and 700 hours of fieldwork (split between two terms) as part of the degree program.

Students cannot complete field experience outside of the United States. Students living abroad with an upcoming placement term will need to relocate to a state in which we are authorized to operate in order to be assigned a field placement.

SAMPLE COURSES

- Cross Cultural Counseling
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Learning and Individual Differences
- School Connectedness, Climate and Classroom Management
- Group Counseling
- Career and College Readiness Counseling

TUITION

Tuition for 2022-23 is \$2,137 per unit.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Scholarships in the amount up to \$10,000 are awarded to exemplary applicants. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, demonstrated dedication to advancing educational equity and other distinguishing characteristics.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Online application
- Official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended
- Résumé /CV
- Personal statement and essays
- Two letters of recommendation
- International applicants only:* TOEFL or IELTS scores
- \$90 nonrefundable application fee

APPLICATION DEADLINES

	EARLY*	PRIORITY†	FINAL
January 2023 start	Sept. 30, 2022	Oct. 14, 2022	Oct. 24, 2022
May 2023 start	Feb. 3, 2023	Feb. 17, 2023	Feb. 27, 2023
August 2023 start	May 12, 2023	May 26, 2023	June 5, 2023

*Early applicants can request an application fee waiver.

†Priority applicants can request a reduced application fee of \$50.

What sets the USC Rossier SC online program apart?

EMPHASIS ON HIGH-NEEDS SCHOOLS: Learn to address complex education and social issues in the most challenging environments, preparing you to foster success in any setting.

UNIQUE ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE: Interact with faculty and peers live in a virtual classroom from any location.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE: Gain real-world experience counseling students in high-needs schools in your own community.

HOLISTIC APPROACH: Prepare for work in today's schools through focused study in three key areas—restorative justice, trauma informed practices and college and career readiness.

FACULTY WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE: Learn from seasoned scholar practitioners who bring a wealth of experience into the classroom from their own work in the field.

FLEXIBILITY AND MULTIPLE START DATES: Begin the program on one of three start dates throughout the year and work at your own pace with full-time and part-time options.

PREPARE FOR A CALIFORNIA CREDENTIAL: Become endorsed for a California school counseling credential, which, if earned, can be a competitive factor when applying for reciprocity in another state.

YOUR MISSION AND OUR MISSION ALIGNED

The USC Rossier School of Education prepares leaders to advance educational equity in urban settings and beyond. USC Rossier draws on innovative thinking and collaborative research to improve learning opportunities and outcomes, address disparities, challenge inequitable systems of power and solve the most intractable problems in education.

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