The **Master of Education in School Counseling** (SC) program, delivered online, will prepare you to become a school counselor in K-12 settings, particularly high-needs schools serving students with complex concerns that affect their ability to learn and succeed. Professional school counselors who are trained to address the needs of 21st-century learners, schools, families and communities are in great demand across the country. The SC program explores these issues with a focus on the well-being of the whole child through support of their social, emotional and academic needs. You will leave the program equipped to effect lasting change for children and will be prepared to pursue your credential as a school counselor.

*Both full-time and part-time options are available.*
Through the SC 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.

**HANDS-ON FIELD EXPERIENCE**
The SC program integrates fieldwork with coursework. You will gain invaluable practical 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. You will complete a 100-hour practicum and 600 hours of in-school fieldwork as part of the degree program.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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**SAMPLE COURSES**
- Introduction to Curriculum and Pedagogy in Urban Schools
- Contexts for Educational Equity, Access and Agency
- Integrated Language Development across the Curriculum
- Blended Learning Experiences for Students in Urban Schools
- Identifying and Teaching to Student Differences
- Literacy Development and instruction
- Applying Knowledge and Strategies for Teaching All Students

**TUITION**
Tuition for 2017–18 is $1,800 per unit.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**
- Online application
- Résumé/CV
- Personal statement
- Two short-answer responses
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended
- International applicants only: TOEFL or IELTS scores
- $90 nonrefundable application fee (full or partial waiver if you apply early)
What sets the USC Rossier SC 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 in live, face-to-face online classes from any location.

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

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 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.

YOUR MISSION AND OUR MISSION ALIGNED
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