

Help youth  
succeed in  
school and life



The online **Master of Education in School Counseling** (SC online) program 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. The SC online 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.*

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.

#### HANDS-ON FIELD EXPERIENCE

The SC online 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 fieldwork (split between two terms) as part of the degree program.

#### SAMPLE COURSES

- Creating Communities of Interest
- Learning and Individual Differences
- Counseling and Collaborative Consultation in the School Setting
- School Connectedness, Climate and Classroom Management
- Group Counseling: Theories and Process
- Counseling of College & Career Readiness
- Cross Cultural Counseling

#### TUITION

Tuition for 2019-20 is \$1,928 per unit.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

You will be considered for scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,500. There is no need to submit a separate application. Recipients are selected based on 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
- Two short-answer responses
- Two letters of recommendation
- International applicants only:* TOEFL or IELTS scores
- Nonrefundable application fee

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

	EARLY ACTION*	PRIORITY SUBMIT	FINAL
January 2020 start	Oct. 10, 2019	Oct. 31, 2019	Nov. 21, 2019
May 2020 start	Feb. 20, 2020	March 12, 2020	April 2, 2020
August 2020 start	May 28, 2020	June 18, 2020	July 9, 2020

\*Early Action applicants will receive an application fee waiver.

# 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. Ranked as one of the nation's premier education schools by *U.S. News & World Report*, 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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