

Help students reach
their academic
potential



Patricia Y. Lara ME '18 began her postsecondary education in the community college system. She currently works as an adjunct counseling instructor with opportunities to teach and counsel dual enrollment, first-year and formerly incarcerated students.

The **Master of Education in Educational Counseling (EC)** program will prepare you for career success in academic advising and student affairs positions that require advanced counseling skills, especially in community colleges and four-year colleges or universities. Specifically focused on the higher education context, USC Rossier's curriculum is grounded in a student development theory perspective, rather than a psychology perspective. The program blends theory with practice — including fieldwork and practicum experience — to give you the foundation needed to build one-on-one relationships with students and help them achieve their goals.

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

48 MINIMUM UNITS

21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE (FULL-TIME)

GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

The EC program’s 210 hours of fieldwork will help you connect theory to practice under the supervision of a seasoned educational counselor. You will gain invaluable practical experience that will strengthen your professional philosophy and abilities. Through the master’s seminar or thesis, you will further integrate learning from throughout the curriculum for a summative, reflective and forward-looking experience that will prepare you to enter the educational counseling field.

In addition to fieldwork, USC Rossier’s graduate assistantships provide hands-on experience in higher education settings and preparation for your desired career upon graduation. While the majority of EC students participate in graduate assistantships on the USC campus, the city of Los Angeles is home to many colleges and universities. With the full support and guidance of our team, you will have the freedom to select and apply for an opportunity tailored to your personal goals. Graduate assistantship positions are compensated by an hourly wage, tuition remission, or, in the case of residential education, room and board.

OPTIONAL: PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES SCHOOL COUNSELING CREDENTIAL

Following the completion of your master’s degree, you can expand your professional opportunities for school counseling positions by completing the requirements to be recommended for a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) School Counseling credential. The requirements for the PPS credential include the completion of 18 additional units through the School Counseling Post-Master’s Certificate program.

PROGRAM FACULTY



Sheila Banuelos, EdD
Expert in academic advisement, assessment in higher education and student affairs.



Kevin Anthony Meza, PhD
Twenty-five year career in higher education as a counselor and coordinator specializing in social class, ethnicity, access and social mobility through the community college system.



Cynthia Mosqueda, EdD
Expert in community college counseling, first-year experience, first-generation and faculty professional development, community college advocacy and policy, and undocumented student initiatives and programming.



Mike Muñoz, EdD
Expert in senior-level leadership in counseling and student affairs, addressing basic needs for college students, and race and equity in community colleges.



Richard D. Cortes, PhD
Expert on community college counseling, career development, student affairs, HSI/STEM program initiatives, and undocumented student experiences.



Viannda M. Hawkins, EdD
Over 16 years of professional experience in academic advising, administration, supervision, and program management at the undergraduate level.



Atheneus C. Ocampo, EdD
Extensive professional experience in community college counseling, identifying and addressing institutional and systemic barriers, and co-constructing inclusive spaces.

SAMPLE COURSES

- Theories in Counseling
- The Counseling Process
- Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling
- Career Development: Theory and Practice
- The Community College
- Group Counseling: Theory and Practice
- Equity in College and Career Access

TUITION

Tuition for 2020–21 is \$1,995 per unit.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Scholarships ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000 are awarded to exemplary applicants. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, demonstrated dedication to advancing educational equity and other distinguishing characteristics. Applicants who complete an application by rounds one or two will receive primary consideration.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Online application
- Transcripts for application review from each postsecondary institution attended
- Official transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended
- Résumé/CV
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- *International applicants only:* TOEFL or IELTS scores
- \$90 non-refundable application fee
- Video essay
- Timed writing assessment

APPLICATION DEADLINES

	APPLICATION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION DATE
Round 1*	November 1, 2020	January 8, 2021
Round 2*	January 15, 2021	February 19, 2021
Round 3	March 15, 2021	April 19, 2021

*scholarship priority deadlines

What sets the USC Rossier EC program apart?

UNPARALLELED NETWORK: Benefit from USC's renowned Trojan alumni network.

FOCUS ON HIGHER EDUCATION COUNSELING: Gain an understanding of counseling in a specifically higher education context.

EMPHASIS ON EQUITY AND ACCESS: Learn how to affect change that supports and empowers historically marginalized populations to thrive in education.

THEORY-TO-PRACTICE MODEL: Use the theories you are learning in the classroom as a framework to make informed decisions in your fieldwork.

PPS CREDENTIAL OPTION: Complete the requirements to be recommended for a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential, positioning you for K-12 school counseling opportunities.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS: Choose from a range of fieldwork and job opportunities through USC Rossier's strong network of community colleges and four-year colleges.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES: Receive mentorship and guidance on your specific research interests, with the option of completing a thesis under the direction of a faculty chair.

COMMITTED FACULTY MENTORS: Learn from leading professors and top practitioners in higher education who will support your growth and challenge your perspective both inside and outside the classroom.

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 and 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.

LEARN MORE USC ROSSIER OFFICE OF ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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