



Expand your  
professional  
opportunities for  
counseling positions

The **School Counseling Post-Master's Certificate** online will prepare you to become a school counselor who can facilitate the social, emotional and academic development of students. Through the program, you will learn how to be culturally competent and understand the contextual issues that affect students through the lenses of trauma informed practice, restorative justice and college and career readiness. The program helps you meet the requirements to be recommended for the California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) in School Counseling Credential and is designed exclusively for current students or graduates of the USC Rossier Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) or Master of Education in Educational Counseling (EC) programs.

20 UNITS

APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE (3 TERMS)

Through the School Counseling Post-Master's Certificate, 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.
- Support the range of pathways students can 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.

#### FIELD EXPERIENCE

As part of the program, you will gain invaluable experience in schools in or near your own community, applying what you learn in the classroom to real situations affecting children, families, 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 for a total of 800 hours field experience. Practicum will require about 10 hours of work per week and fieldwork will require about 20 hours of work per week (schedule to be solidified with the school placement site). You must satisfy the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) basic skills requirement in order to start coursework in summer 2022.

#### ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Interact with student colleagues and faculty both synchronously (live sessions occurring in real time) and asynchronously (content to be experienced and assignments submitted via the learning management system). The live sessions are facilitated by faculty and include highly interactive, engaging and collaborative small-group discussions.

#### COURSES

- EDUC 511 Introduction to School Counseling
- EDUC 608 School Connectedness, Climate, Classroom Management
- EDUC 520 Career and College Readiness Counseling
- EDUC 542 Substance Abuse
- EDPT 502 Learning and Individual Differences (MFT Only)
- EDUC 543 Family Counseling (EC Only)
- EDCO 574 Counseling Practicum
- EDCO 575 Fieldwork 1
- EDCO 575 Fieldwork 2

#### TUITION

Tuition for 2021–22 is \$2,035 per unit.

*Tuition and fees typically increase 3-5% each year, beginning with the fall term each year.*

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

*Only current students or graduates of the MFT or EC program are eligible to apply.*

- Résumé/CV
- Unofficial transcript (STARS report) or evidence of satisfactory academic programs (if currently enrolled)
- Short-answer response
- Two letters of recommendation

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION BY
January 28, 2022	February 4, 2022

# What sets the USC Rossier certificate apart?

**ONLINE DELIVERY:** Interact with faculty and peers in live online classes from any location.

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

**OPTION TO COMPLETE POST GRADUATION:** With your master's degree completed, return to complete the academic requirements to be recommended for a credential, rather than alternative programs that combine the credential with another master's degree.

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

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

## **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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