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**Take on your world.®**



**You can find your  
calling — and a  
successful career.**

(A master's in counseling is the first step.)

# Becoming a counselor equips you to change lives.

(You'll also change your own.)

There's a practical side to consider when you go back to school, of course. You want to be confident that you'll have the skills and connections to succeed in the job market or start your own practice after you graduate — that the financial investment and time commitment will be worth it.

We believe St. Edward's absolutely is worth it, as proven by the high caliber of our professors and the numerous success stories from our graduates (more on that later). We have an excellent location in Austin, small classes and convenient schedules. But we also shine in the areas that are harder to quantify. Everyone here shares a dedication to leaving the world a little better than we found it. And our academically rigorous program will challenge you to understand not only your field but also yourself.

Being a counselor is more than just a career — it's a vocation. The path to get there will be demanding, and so will the job itself, but for precisely those reasons, it will be one of the most fulfilling routes you can take.



92%

of graduate students say their St. Edward's education helped them meet their goals



# Master of Arts in Counseling

## Degree Timeline

**60–69** credit hours total  
(3 credit hours per course)

**3** semesters per year

**2** courses per semester  
(finish in 3 years)

**OR**

**3** courses per semester  
(finish in 2 years)

This program prepares you with the resources to start a successful career and the confidence to guide clients through life's challenges.

### How does the MAC program develop extraordinary counselors?

It starts with our culture: we are a compassionate community of individuals who genuinely care, a philosophy you'll see reflected not only in the MAC program but across the entire university. This mindset, shaped by the rigorous educational standards and high relevance of our program, leads to well-equipped graduates.

### Explore many aspects of counseling in depth to find your calling.

- Prepare to become a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), or both
- Study innovative topics, such as art therapy, mindfulness and coping with PTSD
- Gain hands-on experience through a practicum and an internship

Our professors are highly accomplished, with years of experience working as mental health professionals. They demand your best but understand the challenges of balancing school and life. And our students bring a diverse range of experiences that further enriches what you learn in class.

In this program, you'll use textbook theory to work with actual clients and then work through your cases in the classroom. Ultimately, you'll graduate with a broad knowledgebase and the versatility to keep up with an unpredictable profession. The MAC program prepares you for your career — and it is personally transformative. Just as you learn to help others overcome their obstacles, you will become stronger, surer and better able to weather your own.

Hear from MAC students at  
[stedwards.edu/mac](https://stedwards.edu/mac)

# Student Successes



## Ellen Pace MAC '17 Equine-Assisted Therapy Specialist

“The classes were enriched by students of different backgrounds with a spectrum of perspectives and interests. No one way or theory works for every client; therefore, we learned many approaches to counseling with encouragement to pursue the most appropriate, authentic and effective option. My professors were knowledgeable and used real-life examples. If I needed help brainstorming how to get through to a client, I could reach out to my professors and classmates and they were open and helpful.”



## Melissa Greenwell MAC '13 Licensed Professional Counselor, Private Practice

“Every single class I took absolutely mattered; I can still tell you exactly what critical information I learned in each class. Also, my practicum placement made a big difference for me. One of my mentors at school recommended that I work with low-cost counseling for people with few resources — the hardest population you can find. That way, when I started private practice, I was ready to help anyone who walked through my door. My classes prepared me for my practicum, and my practicum prepared me for private practice.”

# Apply to St. Edward's

## If you think we're the right school for you, let's talk.

Graduate school at St. Edward's is the sort of experience that can change your future forever. We want to make sure that all accepted students are well-suited for our academically rigorous classes, so applicants are individually evaluated based on their:

- Undergraduate grade point average
- Essay
- Résumé
- Letters of recommendation

## A graduate education is well worth the investment.

The benefit of earning a graduate degree is twofold. Practically speaking, it can raise your annual salary over a bachelor's degree. It also leads to significant growth, both in your professional life and your personal life. You'll become a more confident leader, a better communicator, and more capable of synthesizing complex information and finding the best solution.

To help make a graduate education affordable for you, we'll assign you a financial services advisor who can walk you through a payment plan and financial aid opportunities (including federal student loans). Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) and have the results sent to St. Edward's using our Federal School Code, 003621.

## Cost of Attendance (based on 2017–2018 academic year)

<b>Total Program Cost</b>	\$88,020–\$101,223 (\$1,467 per credit hour)
<b>Technology Fee</b>	\$75 per semester for students taking less than 12 hours; \$250 per semester for students taking 12 hours or more
<b>Parking Fee</b>	\$252 per year
<b>Enrollment Deposit</b>	\$150 upon acceptance to reserve a seat
<b>Monthly Payment Plan Fee</b>	\$50 per semester

For more details and to apply, visit  
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