

TO: Applicants for Master's Degree in Counseling
FROM: Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education
RE: Application Requirements

Thank you for considering an application to the Counseling Program at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Students who apply to the A&M-Commerce Graduate School for admission to the master's degree program in counseling must meet the general Graduate School admissions requirements plus the following departmental requirements:

- **Three (3) *professional references*** from persons who can assess your ability to meet the academic and/or professional qualifications for graduate level coursework leading to a master's degree in counseling (e.g., supervisors, college professors, etc., but not family members or personal friends). The form to be used is included with this letter.
- A written statement that addresses the following:
 - *The faculty of the Counseling Program expects students to be open to (1) self-exploration and to (2) personal and professional self-development. Explain why these qualities are especially important for counselors-in-training and what you would do, if admitted to our master's degree program, to facilitate your own openness in these areas. Reference your answer to your own specific career goals.*

All material should be returned to the Office of Graduate Studies. Upon receipt of all materials, the Graduate School will forward the student's application to the Department of Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education for Counseling Program review. The Graduate School will grant a one semester provisional admission with submission of the application and application fee to students that have not previously attended graduate classes at A&M-Commerce. After reviewing the application materials, the Masters Counseling Program with the Department of Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education will make a recommendation to the Graduate School regarding admission to the program. For additional information concerning Counseling Master's program, please visit www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/educationHumanServices/departments/psychologyCounselingSpecialEducation

Reference for Admission to Master's Counseling Program Department of Psychology, Counseling, & Special Education

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT COMPLETELY

Name of Applicant: _____ Student ID#: _____

Address: _____ City, ST Zip _____

Please select intended program emphasis:

- Clinical Mental Health Counseling (60 Hrs. Program – LPC Program)
 Student Affairs (36 Hrs. Program – Non-LPC Program)
 School Counseling (60 Hrs. Program, possible LPC)

I agree that the recommendation I am requesting shall be held in Confidence by officials of Texas A&M University-Commerce, and I hereby waive any rights to examine it. Yes No

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER

The above named person has applied to a master's program in Counseling at Texas A&M University-Commerce and has asked that you supply the information requested below.

I have known the applicant ___ years in my professional capacity as _____ (professor, supervisor, etc.).

Please rate the applicant on the following:

Qualification	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	No basis for judgment
Goodwill					
Intellectual capacity					
Initiative					
Dependability					
Willingness to accept feedback					
Oral expression					
Written expression					
Emotional stability					
Adaptability					
Self-confidence					
Ability to work with others					
Open rather than defensive					
Technological competence & computer literacy					

In addition to the above ratings, please provide a statement appraising the applicant's promise of success in a master's program in counseling. Please feel free to add comments to support and/or explain your ratings above. You may use the back of this form if necessary.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name typed or printed _____ Position _____

Highest degree held _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____ City, ST Zip _____

Please return this form to: The Graduate School, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas 75429-3011

**Written Statement
Counseling Program**

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(Maximum three pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. font)