

Counseling and Mental Health Services Side by Side

Professional School Counselors	District Social Workers
<p>Education Requirements: Master’s degree in school counseling, 2 years teaching experience, valid TExES Counseling certification</p> <p>The primary responsibility of a school counselor is to counsel students to fully develop each student's academic, career, personal, and social abilities. The school counselor is primarily directed to fulfilling the roles of guidance, counseling, consultation, coordination, assessment interpretation, and professionalism through the four program components which are Guidance Curriculum, Responsive Services, Individual Planning, and System Support. Additionally, counselors must teach content requirements in the areas of interpersonal relationships, intrapersonal relationships, post-secondary readiness, and health and safety.</p>	<p>Education Requirements: Bachelor’s degree in social work, pass jurisprudence and Association of Social Work Boards exams</p> <p>District social workers provide support services and interventions for students and their families by examining factors in the home, school and/or community that are impacting a student’s educational success and then assist in reducing those barriers to learning. These barriers may include, but are not limited to, truancy, pregnancy, alcohol and other substance abuse, suicide or sudden death, child abuse and neglect, school safety, violence, basic family needs, economic factors, behavioral difficulties, social competencies, divorce, mental health concerns, and learning factors.</p>
Communities in Schools Site Coordinators	Mental Health Counselors
<p>Education Requirements: Bachelor's degree in social work, sociology, counseling, psychology, or other social science field.</p> <p>The mission of Communities in Schools (CIS) in Texas is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. CIS partners with educators, students, and parents to identify needs of students who are at-risk of dropping out of school. Once the needs are identified, CIS customizes support and resources for students and families and provides individual case management services, engaging the community as part of this process. CIS monitors student level data and tracks education outcomes for those students served.</p>	<p>Education Requirements: Master’s degree in a counseling field, Texas Professional Counseling license</p> <p>Mental health counselors provide school-based mental health services and consultation to students, families, and staff consistent with district and campus social-emotional learning goals and objectives by providing therapy to students during the school day on their home campus at no charge. They also assist in linking children and their families in need of mental health services with the appropriate community agencies. The mental health services provided may be individual, group, or school-wide. Additionally, mental health counselors assist with moderate and high risk suicidal ideation with parental follow up, counseling support, and/or referral processes.</p>

Contracted Counseling Services	TCHATT
<p>ANew Counseling - Master or Doctoral level interns</p> <p>ANew Family Counseling Center provides SCUC with master or doctoral level counseling interns to provide individual school-based counseling services. Counseling interns are also available to provide after-hours counseling, as well as any needed crisis counseling for the district. The AFCC counselors will provide solution-focused counseling to students who have been referred by school counselors and will also work directly with families.</p>	<p>TCHATT - Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine</p> <p>TCHATT provides telemedicine or telehealth programs to school districts to help identify and assess the behavioral health needs of children and adolescents and provide access to mental health services. Once a concern is shared with the school counselor, he or she can refer to TCHATT for individual counseling or group counseling. TCHATT also has specialized clinics for anxiety, depression, parent-child interaction, and substance use.</p>
College, Career, and Military Readiness Advisors	Military Student Support Specialists
<p>Education Requirements: Bachelor’s degree, TExES teacher certification, CTE teaching certification</p> <p>The College, Career, and Military Readiness advisors aim to help students make more informed and better educational and career choices. Among other things, the advisors offer career exploration, interest and aptitude assessments, information on high school course offerings and endorsements, career options, the type of academic and occupational training and skills needed to succeed in the workplace, and awareness of postsecondary opportunities that are associated with a student’s field of interest.</p>	<p>Education Requirements: Master’s degree in education, special education, social work, psychology, counseling, or similar degree.</p> <p>The Military Support Specialist (MSS) is a full-time, highly specialized education professional embedded within the school district. MSSs work directly with children, parents, and school personnel on a daily basis to help cultivate personal relationships and become involved in problem solving at an individual level. Currently, the MSSs are housed at the high schools and junior highs but provide services for students in grades PK – 12, specifically those who are military-connected.</p>
Professional Development	P3 Campus
<p>Staff Professional Development: All staff that work with students in any capacity will receive professional development on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suicide Prevention and Intervention ● Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention and Intervention ● Grief and Trauma-Informed Practices ● Building Positive Relationships With Students ● Substance Abuse Prevention 	<p>P3 Campus is an anonymous tip reporting app designed specifically for schools. Any student may anonymously report concerns or information from mental health issues to threats of violence through the website or at P3Campus.com.</p> <p>Once a report is submitted, administrators have access to the report and can notify appropriate personnel needed to address the concern. P3 Campus is compliant with David’s Law</p>

