

FOCUS ON COUNSELOR

Houston Gulf Coast Region*

GOOD LISTENERS MAKE GOOD COUNSELORS!

Educational, vocational and school counselors are crucial to today's education system. Their job covers a wide scope of activities for students ranging from encouragement of academics, career and personal/social development, to helping students maximize their academic achievements. Counselors assist students in evaluating their abilities, interests, talents, and personality characteristics to help them develop academic and career goals.



Counselors also advise students on college majors, admission requirements, entrance exams, financial aid, technical schools, apprenticeship programs, and they operate career information centers and career education programs. Their job is interesting, challenging, and rewarding, and is a great opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. The majority of educational, vocational and school counselors work in the public school education system. But the Gulf Coast region faces a looming shortage of people pursuing counseling careers.

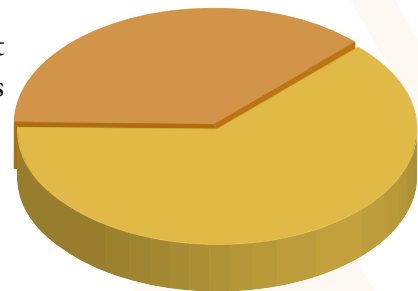
REWARDS OF A COUNSELING CAREER

- Job security
- Steady paycheck and solid benefits
- Vacation time with summers off
- Making a meaningful difference in the world

MORE THAN 350 NEW EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED EACH YEAR!

Annual Job Openings – Gulf Coast Region

Due to Replacement
135 Jobs

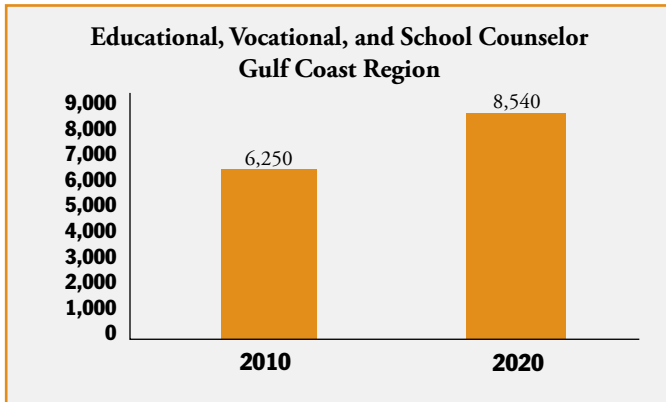


Due to Growth
230 Jobs

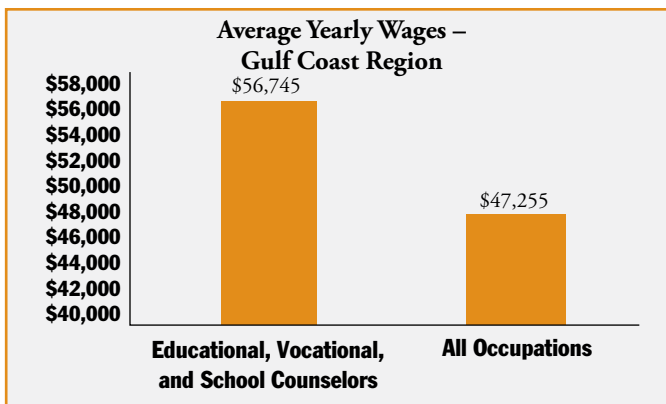
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*Includes the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.

THE NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 36.6 PERCENT FROM 2010 TO 2020!



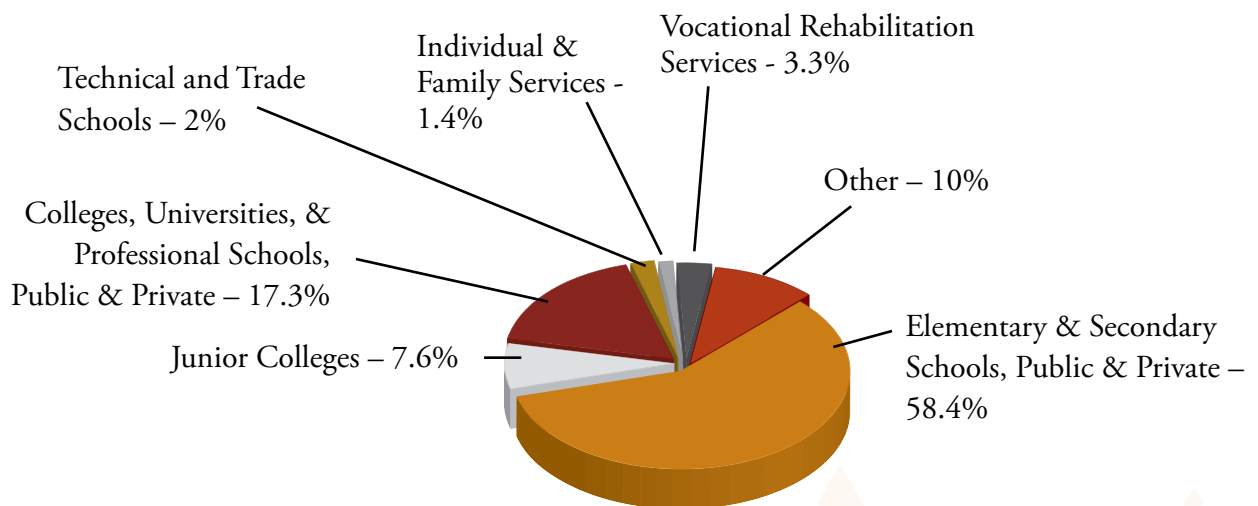
EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS EARN HIGHER WAGES THAN THE AVERAGE OCCUPATION IN THE GULF COAST REGION!



Source: National Center for Educational Statistics

NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS WORK AT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Educational, Vocational and School Counselors 2020 Gulf Coast Region



WHERE TO START: THE PATH FROM STUDENT TO COUNSELOR

The majority of counselors are in the public school education system working with grades Kindergarten through 12. All states require that school counselors hold a state school counseling certificate. Requirements for the issuance of the standard school counselor certificate in Texas are:

- Successful completion of a school counselor preparation program
- Master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education
- Two school years of classroom teaching experience in a public or accredited private school

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

- State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) - <http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/>
- Texas Counseling Association - <http://www.txca.org/tca/Default.asp>
- American School Counselors Association - <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/>
- Texas Education Agency (TEA) - <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index.html>. This site also provides additional information on numerous topics of interest to current and future counselors.

PREPARING FOR A CAREER AS AN EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL, AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR

9th Grade		Suggested Coursework	
	English I	World Geography	Career-Related Electives: Personal and Family Development or Speech Communications
	Algebra I	Languages other than English I	
	Biology	Health/PE or Equivalent	
10th Grade		Suggested Coursework	
	English II	World History	Career-Related Electives: Child Development or Preparation for Parenting or Individual and Family Life or Psychology or Exploring Education Careers
	Geometry	Languages other than English II	
	Chemistry	Technology Applications	
11th Grade		Suggested Coursework	
	English III	United States History	Career-Related Electives: Ready, Set, Teach! I or Languages other than English III
	Algebra II	Communication Applications	
	Physics	PE or Equivalent	
12th Grade		Suggested Coursework	
	English IV	Government/Economics	Career-Related Electives: Ready, Set Teach! II or Family and Career Management or Independent Study or Languages other than English IV
	AP Statistics	Fine Arts	
	AP Environmental Science		

*Source: Achieve Texas

GULF COAST REGION EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

The State Board of Educator Certification has approved the following list of university-based educator preparation programs. A list of additional post-baccalaureate programs and alternative/accelerated programs are available at the State Board of Educator Certification.

UNIVERSITIES

- Houston Baptist University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Rice University
- Sam Houston State University
- Texas Southern University
- University of Houston
- University of St Thomas

GULF COAST REGION TEXAS-CERTIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAMS

- Houston Baptist University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Sam Houston State University
- Texas Southern University
- Texas Woman's University
- University of Houston

MAJOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE GULF COAST REGION

- Aldine ISD
- Alief ISD
- Alvin ISD
- Brazosport ISD
- Clear Creek ISD
- Conroe ISD
- Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
- Deer Park ISD
- Fort Bend ISD
- Galena Park ISD
- Galveston ISD

- Goose Creek CISD
- Houston ISD
- Humble ISD
- Katy ISD
- Klein ISD
- La Porte ISD
- Lamar CISD
- Magnolia ISD
- New Caney ISD
- North Forest ISD
- Pasadena ISD
- Pearland ISD
- Spring Branch ISD
- Spring ISD
- Tomball ISD

MAJOR CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE GULF COAST REGION

- Academy of Accelerated Learning
- Benji's Special Educational Academy Charter School
- George I. Sanchez Charter High School
- Houston Gateway Academy
- High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
- NCI Charter School Without Walls
- Raul Yzaguirre School for Success
- Varnett Charter School
- Yes Prep
- Young Learners

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