

**AMBERTON UNIVERSITY**  
**e-COURSE SYLLABUS**

**CSL6779.E1 Counseling in Schools**  
**Fall 2024**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:**

CSL6779.E1 Counseling in Schools  
Level: Graduate  
Beginning Date of Session: Saturday, Sep 14, 2024  
Ending Date of Session: Thursday, Nov 21, 2024

**Student access will be available to the Student Portal on Saturday, September 14, 2024.**

*Students enrolled in distance learning courses are not assessed any additional fees for security or identity verification.*

**COURSE PREREQUISITES:**

No Prerequisites

**TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Title: The Essential School Counselor in a Changing Society  
Author: Jeannine Studer  
Publisher: SAGE  
Year Published: 2015  
Edition: 1<sup>st</sup>  
ISBN: 10: 1452257469 or 13:978-1452257464  
Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Title: The ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs Author:  
American School Counseling Association  
Publisher: American School Counseling Association  
Year Published: 2019  
Edition: 4th  
ISBN: 13:9781929289592  
Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Title: The Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs Author:  
Texas Counseling Association  
Publisher: Texas Counseling Association  
Year Published: 2018  
Edition: 5th  
ISBN: 13: 139781732000308  
Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Amberton University has an agreement with eCampus.com to provide a full-service online bookstore to students. The Amberton University Virtual Bookstore is accessible through the University's website, [www.Amberton.edu](http://www.Amberton.edu). There is also a bookstore link in the Student Portal.

The AU Virtual Bookstore provides an easy-to-use interface, online book buyback, and same-day shipment of most titles with an average delivery time of 2-3 days, depending on the student's location. Textbook options include new, used, rental, and electronic media as available.

Since no books are sold on campus, students should plan accordingly and purchase their books in advance of

the first day of class, allowing time for shipping. Be certain you are enrolled in the course before purchasing your book(s). All textbook information (Title, Author, ISBN, etc.) is available in the course syllabi so students can shop competitively. Most textbooks can be purchased from many different textbook vendors. Some textbooks may only be available on the University's Virtual Bookstore. Students should be careful to obtain the exact resource(s) required for the course.

## **LINKS TO COUNSELING HANDBOOKS**

### **MA in Professional Counseling**

[https://amberton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/LPC\\_Handbook\\_2023\\_2024.pdf](https://amberton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/LPC_Handbook_2023_2024.pdf)

### **MA in Marriage and Family Therapy**

[https://amberton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/MFT\\_Handbook\\_2023\\_2024.pdf](https://amberton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/MFT_Handbook_2023_2024.pdf)

### **MA in School Counseling**

<https://amberton.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/24-25-School-Counseling-Handbook-6-1-24.pdf>

## **APA Requirement**

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the 7<sup>th</sup> edition, offers examples of the general format of APA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). All coursework at Amberton University will comply with the standards contained in the APA Publication Manual.

## **SCHOOL COUNSELING PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM CHANGE**

Beginning Fall 2019, there will be three practicums: CSL6870, CSL6875, AND CSL6880. The TExES (Texas Examination of Educator Standards) must be passed before enrolling in CSL6870. The TExES application form and practice tests are located in the TExES Review Course in Moodle. The Application and Contract are required at the first meeting of CSL6870 Practicum I and are in the Review Course. Effective September 1, 2019, the Master of Arts School Counseling degree will be a forty-eight (48) hour degree program for students entering the program.

## **COURSE COMPETENCIES:**

The following represents the course competencies for this class. Competencies are equivalent for all lecture and distance learning courses. Following each competency is the assignment used to gain mastery of this area of study.

The course presents a comprehensive review of counseling in schools. Students will define the roles and functions of school counselors. Emphasis is placed on a learner-centered process that includes organizing, planning, designing, implementing, and evaluating a comprehensive counseling and guidance program. The Texas Developmental Plan as well as the American School Counseling Association Models will be reviewed as related to the school counselor job.

## **UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE STUDENT WILL BE COMPETENT IN:**

1. Understanding the roles and responsibilities of the school counselor along with other professionals in the school with regard to the guidance and counseling program.
2. Demonstrating knowledge of the components of a developmental guidance and counseling program, procedures for implementing, evaluating, and modifying the developmental guidance and counseling program as necessary to meet the needs of all students.
3. Demonstrating how to assess the needs of students in a school and plan a proactive program that reflects student needs.
4. Applying knowledge of procedures for developing a guidance curriculum (e.g., establishing learning goals

and objectives, indicators of competence, expected results, and evaluative criteria).
5. Understanding the use of prevention approaches and intervention strategies to address student concerns.
6. Guiding students to develop age-appropriate knowledge and skills in the areas of self-confidence, motivation to achieve, decision making and problem solving.
7. Discussing effective referral procedures to facilitate the use of special programs and services.
8. Explaining strategies for effective internal and external communication.
9. Illustrating consultant and/or coordinator roles of school counselors.
10. Demonstrating how to work collaboratively with the school community to promote the integration of the guidance and academic curriculum.
11. Demonstrating personal assessment of leadership aptitudes and capabilities for school counselor on the academic leadership team.
12. Demonstrating knowledge of procedures for consulting with teachers, administrators, and others to provide professional expertise and enhance their work with students.
13. Applying school data to guidance curriculum development.
14. Integrating national and state models into guidance curriculum development.
15. Accessing national and state legislation related to school counselor job description.
16. Articulating methods of school counselor accountability.
17. Analyzing programs designed to develop college/career readiness.

**COURSE POLICIES:**

Don't hesitate to contact the Professor concerning extended work completion. All exams must be completed as assigned. Late assignments received past the due date will be deducted 10 points per day.

***Student's Responsibilities***

This syllabus contains information, policies, and procedures for a specific course. By enrolling, the student agrees to read, understand, and abide by the policies, rules, regulations, and ethical standards of Amberton University as contained in the current university catalog and schedule of classes.

***Attendance Policy:***

Regular and punctual class attendance and engagement is expected at Amberton University. In case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor as soon as possible. If a student intends on withdrawing from a course, it is the student's responsibility to follow the university's policy on formally withdrawing from a course. **Ceasing to attend classes does not constitute an official withdrawal.**

Attendance in a lecture course is defined as punctual arrival to, and engagement in, a full lecture session. A Student in a lecture course missing more than 20% (two class periods for weekday classes or one class period for Saturday classes) of the class meetings may be assigned a grade of an "F" or withdrawn at the discretion of Amberton University.

Attendance in a distance learning course is defined as active participation in the weekly online class sessions. "Active participation" can be defined as: submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, engaging in an interactive tutorial, participating in an online discussion forum (or chat session), or initiating (or responding to) a communication with a faculty member about an academic assignment or the subject matter of the course. A

student not meeting these requirements may be assigned a grade of an “F” or withdrawn at the discretion of Amberton University.

### Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else’s work as though it were your own. If you use another person’s words, ideas, or information; or if you use material from an outside source – whether a book, magazine, newspaper, business publication, broadcast, speech, or electronic media – you must acknowledge that source. Plagiarism is a violation of the University’s code of student ethical conduct and is one that is taken seriously. Amberton University operates on an honor system; therefore, honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of all who are associated with the institution. All Amberton students are expected to abide by the honor system and maintain academic integrity in all their work. Amberton University and its instructors monitor student work for plagiarism and reserve the right to submit such work to technology-based plagiarism detection services and applications at any time.

Self-plagiarism means reusing work that you have already published or submitted for a class. It can involve:

- Resubmitting an entire paper
- Copying or paraphrasing passages from your previous work

Self-plagiarism misleads your readers by presenting previous work as completely new and original. Students may not submit the same paper in substance in two or more classes without prior written permission of the instructors involved.

Amberton University students who use Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated content must adhere to the following policies:

**Originality:** Students must avoid presenting AI-generated content as their own original work. It is essential to acknowledge the involvement of AI in the content creation process in order to maintain academic and ethical standards.

**Paraphrasing:** When using AI-generated content, students must rephrase and/or modify the generated text. Paraphrased AI-generated content should also be properly cited.

**Acknowledgment:** When using AI-generated content in any assignment, proper credit must be given to the AI system that generated the content. <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>

Students agree that by taking this course, all required assignments may be subject to submission for a textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism and self-plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in future papers. Use of Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com website.

Turnitin is a writing improvement and plagiarism prevention tool which uses special algorithms, to compare text-based student submissions to the Turnitin database and other online sources. Turnitin produces a detailed **similarity report** that can be customized and viewed by instructors and students.

Turnitin “Draft Coach” is a Google-based add-on to Turnitin that supports students in developing high-quality academic writing and serves as an integrity coach. Draft Coach helps address errors and improve the quality of students’ writing by highlighting grammar mistakes, identifying incorrectly cited sources, and scanning for similarity across several databases. By providing formative feedback on how to address citation issues, incorrect grammar, and matches with the Turnitin database, Draft Coach provides explanations to help students become more confident writers, capable of producing higher quality work in academics and the workplace.

### COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR:

Week	Topic	Assignment	Competencies Covered	Due Date
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Week One: September 14th - September 20th	Responsibilities of a School Counselor	Read ASCA xiii and pgs. 1-15 TX Model Section 1 Chapter 1 (Studer)	1,2,9,12,16	Complete the student information form and personal reflections: Due <b>September 21st</b>  Reflection Due <b>September 21st</b>
Optional Zoom Meeting	Introduction, Syllabus Review, Counseling Role Discussions			September 17th at 7:00 P.M.
Week Two: September 21st - September 27th	Ethical Standards	Read ASCA 15- 28 Chapter 2 (Studer)	1,6,9	Article Review: Topic: Ethical Issues faced by school counselors Due <b>September 28th</b> See Moodle for Rubric Reflection Due <b>September 28th</b>
Week Three September 28th - October 4th	Multicultural and Developmental Issues	Read Chapter 10 (Studer)	6,7	Reflection Due <b>October 5th</b>
Week Four: October 5th - October 11th	Leadership, ASCA Model, Texas Model	Read Chapter 3 (Studer) ASCA Section 2 TX Model Section 2	8,10, 13,14,15	Reflection Due <b>October 12th</b>
Week Five : October 12th - October 18th	Mid Term	Review Weeks 1-4		Mid-Term Due <b>October 19th</b>
Week Six October 19th - October 25th	Group and Individual Counseling	Chapters 5 and 6 (Studer)	8.10,13, 14, 15	Review Moodle for Expectations for Guidance Lesson  Reflection Due <b>October 26th</b>

Week Seven: October 26th - November 1st	Guidance Planning	ASCA Model III and IV Texas Model 3-4	4,16	Guidance Lesson Due <b>November 2nd</b> Refer to Moodle for the Rubric  Reflection Due <b>November 2nd</b>
Optional Zoom	Final Exam Review, Graduation Plan Review, Counseling Scenarios			<b>November 5th</b>
Week Eight: November 2nd - November 8th	Crisis Counseling	Read Chapter 7 (Studer)	8,10,13,14,15	Reflection Due <b>November 9th</b>
Week Nine: November 9th - November 15th	Preparing Students for College Readiness and Preparing for the Role of a School counselor	Read Chapters 8 and 9 (Studer) Read Assigned Articles (Reference in Reflection Page)	17	Reflection Due <b>November 16th</b>  Graduation Plan and Narrative Due: <b>November 16th</b>
Week Ten: November 15th - 21st	Final Exam	Final Exam	Final Exam <i>Please Note the Due Date for the Final Exam and Reflection</i>	Final Exam Due <b>November 19th</b>  Reflection Due <b>November 19th</b>

#### **GRADING CRITERIA:**

School Counseling Ethical Debate, Article Review 10%  
Chapter Reflections 20%  
Mid-Term Exam 20%  
Graduation Plan/Narrative 20%  
Classroom Guidance Lesson Plan 10%  
Final Exam 20%

Graduate  
92 – 100 A  
82 – 91 B  
72 – 81 C  
62 – 71 D  
Below 62 F

#### **GRADE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK:**

A successful distance learning experience requires a flow of communication between instructor and student throughout the session. Instructor comments are considered essential to the learning process. Therefore, each assignment/exam submitted will be reviewed, graded, and returned to the student in a timely manner, along with the appropriate commentary. Students should carefully review all comments.

Final grades are processed approximately one week after the last day of the session and may be located in the My Grades section of the online registration portal as well as being emailed to the student's Amberton University email. Amberton University staff will not release grades over the phone. University instructors will not leave a message with comments or grades in any type of media that is not secure.

For questions regarding grades after the semester has ended, students should use their university email account and contact the instructor at the faculty email address as provided above in the *Professor Information* area.

### ***Incomplete Grades***

An "I" (incomplete grade) is given at the discretion of the professor and may be given only when an emergency or illness prevents the student from completing course requirements. Should an "I" be granted, the student has 30 days from the end of the session to complete the conditions of the incomplete. An "I" which is not properly removed within 30 days following the session enrolled will become an "F" grade.

### ***How To Withdraw From a Course***

To be official, the class withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the student requesting the withdrawal; no withdrawal is accepted verbally. Please review the "Schedule of Classes" (online or in-print) for procedures for class changes or withdrawals and the refund policy and schedule.

### **COURSE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY:**

This course is offered as a distance-learning course through the Moodle Learning Platform. Amberton's distance learning courses, called e-Courses, are identical to classroom courses in terms of learning outcomes, competencies, and instructor expectations. A student choosing to take an e-Course must have the following skills and technical capabilities:

1. Access to the Internet
2. General knowledge in:
  - Internet browser settings and configuration
  - e-mail and file attachments
  - Uploading and downloading files
  - Using a word processing package
3. Ability to conduct on-line research

Students who have not mastered these skills should not enroll for this course but should consider enrolling in MIS2110 Computer Concepts and Internet Technologies for instruction in these areas.

### **HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COURSE:**

#### ***Through the Amberton University Student Portal***

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may access the course through the Amberton University Student Portal. The site may be accessed through the University's main page (<http://www.Amberton.edu>) or at <http://apps.Amberton.edu>. After selecting the "Student Portal" link, you will be prompted for a Username and Password.

Use your assigned **username and password** (AUID) as described below to enter the AU Student Portal:

**Username** = your capitalized firstname **initial**+lastname+last 3 digits of your SSN.

\* Use your name exactly as it is listed on the University's records, including any suffixes or hyphenations, such as Jr, Sr, or II, as a part of your username.

For example: James Jones, Jr. SSN: 123-45-6789  
Username: JJonesJr789

**Password** = your Amberton University ID# (AUID) **including the dashes**

For example: 04-999-999

Once your login has been validated, you may select from a variety of menu options, including your individual E-Course, email account, Remote Research, General Tools, all Syllabi, Research Tutorials and Electronic Instructor Folders (FTP).

If you are accessing the Student Portal from a public or shared computer, close the browser completely when finished, or click on the Logout button. For security purposes, no other person should have access to your Username or Password. If you feel your information has been compromised or if you experience technical difficulties, contact the e-course system administrator at: [e-sysop@amberton.edu](mailto:e-sysop@amberton.edu)

If you have lost or do not know your Amberton ID#, please contact the Student Services Office 972/279-6511 or [advisor@Amberton.edu](mailto:advisor@Amberton.edu) for a replacement AUID card. You must know your Amberton ID# to gain access to the course and to send an email to your professor.

### **Through the Amberton University Moodle Website**

Students enrolled in distance learning courses using the Moodle Learning Platform may also access the course by going to: <http://moodle.Amberton.edu>

For those utilizing Moodle for the first time, the **username and password** for the Moodle Learning Platform will be emailed to the student's University email account prior to the start of the course. For those returning to Moodle who do not remember their username and password, click on the link "*Forgotten your username or password*" available on the Moodle log in page (<http://moodle.Amberton.edu>). Otherwise use the same username and password as previous session.

### **Moodle Tutorial:**

Upon successful log in and access to the Moodle learning platform, there is a *Student Moodle Tutorials* course available, to learn about the basics of Moodle. Simply click on the link for the *Student Moodle Tutorials* and read through the various learning topics: Navigating; Communicating; Assignments & Exams; Grades; and Student Resources.

### **COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Students will communicate with faculty through the Moodle Learning Platform or the Amberton University email system.

Each student enrolled is assigned an Amberton email account, which gives the student access to the Amberton email system ([my.Amberton.edu](mailto:my.Amberton.edu)). This email account is provided by Google Apps for Education. Students are encouraged to check their email regularly for University news, notices, and to communicate with instructors.

The student's assigned email address would be [Username@my.Amberton.edu](mailto:Username@my.Amberton.edu)

Example: [LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu](mailto:LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu)

The student Username is determined by:

firstname initial+lastname+last 3 digits of student ssn.

For example: Linda Jones-Smith SSN: 123-45-6789  
Email Address = [LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu](mailto:LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu)

Students will be prompted for a Username and Password when accessing their email account. Use the Username portion of the email address as the username (Example: [LJones-Smith789](mailto:LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu)) and your Amberton ID# (including the dashes) as the password.

If you already have a Google Gmail account, you might be prompted to add this account to your current account. Click 'Yes' and you will be logged into your [my.Amberton.edu](mailto:my.Amberton.edu) email account. It will be a separate email account from your personal Gmail account.

If you need assistance with your email account, please visit <https://support.google.com/mail>



**Students are responsible for reviewing the “Communication Guidelines” provided on the individual E Course for specific instructor requirements.**

Upon completion of a session, all communication and course specific information is removed from the Moodle system. If a student needs to maintain a record of communications or assignments, the student is strongly encouraged to print out or download these items to a disk for their own records.

**FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS:**

Assignments are to be submitted to the appropriate assignment Drop Box in the Moodle system. Specific directions and guidelines for submission of assignments are located on-line in the “Communication Guidelines” of the e-course. Due to compatibility issues, Office 2007 files cannot be read by earlier versions of Microsoft Office. Before submitting an exercise file, confirm the file is in the proper format for grading by the instructor.

**INSTRUCTOR/COURSE EVALUATION:**

Each session, all Amberton students are provided with the opportunity to evaluate their courses and instructors. The evaluation process is an important one and provides students with an anonymous and confidential way to give meaningful feedback to the University. Summary information and comments are provided to faculty after the close of the session. All information provided is anonymous.

The Instructor/Course Evaluation will be open for completion during week 9 of the session. An evaluation assignment will be placed in week 9 of the Moodle course, along with the instructions on how to complete the evaluation. Prior to week 9, the University will send out an email containing instructions and dates for the evaluation period.

**TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY COMPETENCIES:**

This course addresses the School Counselor Competencies set forth by the Texas Education Agency. These competencies are listed by course on the University’s ftp site ([ftp://ftp.amberton.edu/csinfo/AU\\_TEA](ftp://ftp.amberton.edu/csinfo/AU_TEA)).

**RESEARCH RESOURCES:**

The Library provides access to full-text, and peer reviewed articles, and digital research tools. Students can search Library holdings through the online catalog and databases search engines available on the Library website or browse the physical library space and holdings located at the Garland campus. Research items not contained in the Amberton Library collection can be located through interlibrary Loan (ILL) or through the TexShare program with the help of the Library staff. Students with questions about available services, resources, or research, may contact the Library via email at [Library@amberton.edu](mailto:Library@amberton.edu).

**RESEARCH ACCESS:**

Databases can only be accessed by authorized users, and students at Amberton must enter their Amberton ID credentials-same as Moodle login-to gain access when off-campus. Use an Amberton website, such as the University site ([Amberton.edu](http://Amberton.edu)) or the library site ([Library.amberton.edu](http://Library.amberton.edu)) to find links to databased and digital books. Online resources are available all day, every day.

***Library Live Chat Feature***

Library staff are available to assist students with research problems or questions during Library hours through a live online chat feature, telephone, email, “How-to” videos, or in person. The library telephone is (972-279-6511 ext. 185. You can email questions to [library@amberton.edu](mailto:library@amberton.edu) or visit the library in person on the Garland campus for assistance.