



**Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Exit Policy
Dismissal of Candidates from the School Counselor Preparation Program**

TAC §228.31(b): All EPPs shall have a published exit policy for dismissal of candidates that is reviewed and signed by candidates upon admission. The exit policy must identify a point of dismissal for inactive candidates after no more than two years of inactivity. An inactive candidate is one who is no longer completing coursework, training, and testing requirements with an EPP and is not a completer of the EPP.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to educating, graduating, and certifying candidates who will be effective leaders. Evidence of potential effectiveness includes academic, professional, and personal qualities. School Counselor candidates are carefully assessed throughout the educator preparation program for leadership skills and successful course completion. If a candidate's overall GPA falls below the required GPA or other issues arise concerning a candidate's fitness, ability, and/or demonstration of the ability to lead, the School Counselor candidate may be dismissed from the program.

Reasons candidates may be removed from the School Counselor Preparation Program may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Failure to maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average and failure to meet course requirements
- Standard of Conduct/Educator Code of Ethics violation (RULE §247.2)
- Criminal Background Check that precludes placement
- Failure to make continual progress towards program completion and lack of progress towards demonstrating School Counselor Standards and TExES School Counselor Domains and Competencies
- Non-adherence to the CNEP Student Handbook for Master of Science Degrees in Professional Counseling and Professional School Counseling
- **Lack of program participation for two (2) or more years:** To continue program participation after a break in enrollment requires the following:
 - 1) new application;
 - 2) meeting all current admission requirements;
 - 3) completing new set of TEA forms;
 - 4) pay additional TEA Fee (\$35);
 - 5) new acceptance letter
- Failure to adhere to CNEP department and course policies as described in the CNEP Student Handbook for Master of Science Degrees in Professional Counseling and Professional School Counseling and in course syllabi. Reasons for review, remediation, retention and dismissal include and are not limited to the following examples:
 - School/district refuses to accept the student for internship experience (TEA labels Internship for school counselors/CNEP 5698 as Practicum)

- School/district requests that the candidate be removed from an internship assignment (TEA labels Internship for school counselors/CNEP 5698 as Practicum)
- Failure to respond to feedback from Site or Field Supervisor and University Professional School Counseling Program Coordinator

Procedures for removing a student form the School Counselor Preparation Program

The procedures for Student Review, Remediation, Retention, and Dismissal from the School Counselor Preparation Program are described in the CNEP Student Handbook for Master of Science Degrees in Professional Counseling and Professional School Counseling (pp. 30-33).

Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to these procedures.

Due Process Rights in the School Counselor Preparation Program

Students who wish to appeal admissions or retention criteria may schedule a meeting with the Associate Dean for Educator Preparation Programs to ask that an individual exception be made. The student must follow the Texas A&M University-CC College of Education and Human Development Due Process and Complaint Resolution Policy Procedures found at:

<http://education.tamucc.edu/index.html>

I have read, understand, and agree to the expectations for performance and Exit Policy for Dismissal from the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi School Counselor Preparation Program as described in this document and in accordance with **TAC §228.31(b)**.

Printed Name

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Signature

Date