



Welcome to the Master of Science in Counseling at LSU Shreveport!

Dear Prospective Students,

I'm Dr. Michael Becerra, and I invite you to embark on a transformative journey with us at LSU Shreveport. Our MS in Counseling program offers two distinct master's degrees: Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Rehabilitation Counseling, along with a Graduate Certificate in Rehabilitation Counseling. These programs are not just academic pathways; they are gateways to meaningful careers that impact others' lives.

At the heart of our curriculum is the practitioner-scientist training model. This approach meticulously balances clinical practice with an in-depth understanding of scholarly knowledge by engaging in research design methodology. What sets us apart is our emphasis on a wellness model, which prepares you to address the holistic needs of individuals.

Our program focuses on diverse areas including cultural considerations, pharmaceutical context, rehabilitation, and the ever-evolving influence of technology. In addition to these diverse and evolving areas, you will gain fundamental knowledge of theoretical approaches and ethical considerations. Additionally, our program prioritizes collaborating with local professionals who share valuable professional and networking experiences, ensuring that you will be well-equipped upon graduation.

Beyond academics, Shreveport is a college town rich in historic charm and community life. From Mardi Gras celebrations to an emerging arts scene, culinary diversity, as well as spiritual and educational opportunities, Shreveport is more than a place to study; it's a community to grow in.

For those considering joining us, I look forward to welcoming you into our program, where your educational journey will be as enriching as the diverse community you will serve.

Warm Regards,  
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