



Richmond Area Bilingual Fellows Program at Seminary of the Southwest

Are **you** ready to serve a bilingual/bicultural client base as a **Licensed Professional Counselor**?
Seminary of the Southwest seeks applicants for the **Richmond Area Bilingual Fellows Program**
for the **Fall 2022 incoming class**

The need for culturally competent, bilingual counselors has never been greater, and Seminary of the Southwest has developed a fellowship program to prepare and deploy counselors to work with underserved populations in the Richmond, Texas area.

What does it mean to be a Richmond Area Bilingual Fellow?

Richmond Area Bilingual Fellows will:

- Have tuition covered at **up to 80%**
- Be eligible for **subsidized on campus housing** if available
- Have placement in a **bilingual/bicultural setting** for degree program practicum
- Receive **reimbursement** for graduation MHC exam fees
- Have a **paid LPC-Associate internship site waiting for them** upon graduation



“Being a Latina, I have noticed such a high need for my community. Whether it be resources, or even just to listen. I have come full circle coming from a small town myself. I am able to give back to something that means so much to me and share it with others. To be able to work with nuestro gente, I feel honored to be able to give back in a way I never thought possible.”

~ Sofia I. Hernandez-Arenas, Richmond Area Bilingual Fellow

Why the Richmond Area Bilingual Fellows Program?

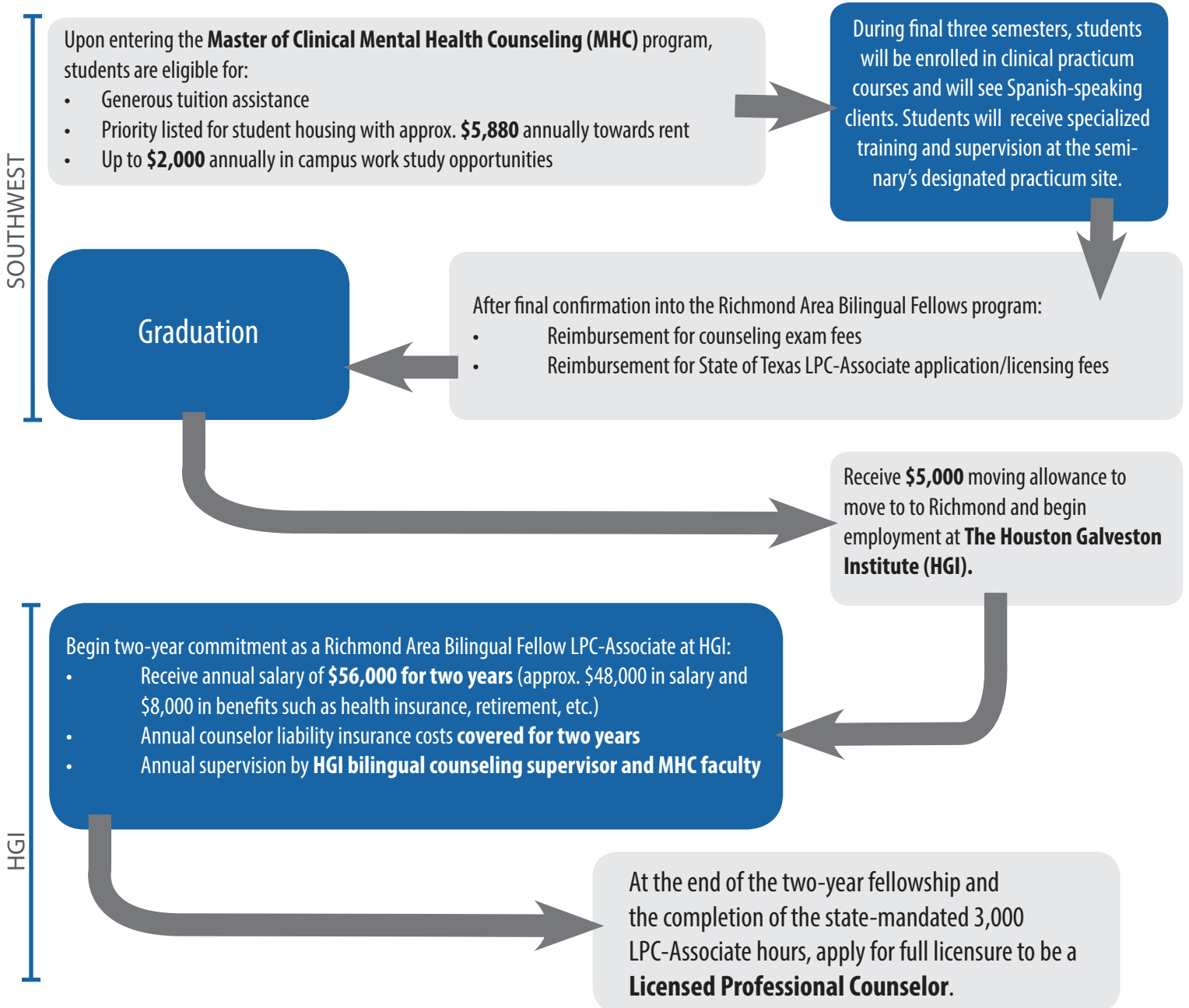
Approximately 60% of Richmond area residents are Latinx, with 1 in 4 households living below the poverty level. The shortage of Spanish-speaking mental health providers is a well-documented barrier to access to counseling services. Our goal is to establish a pipeline of Spanish-speaking mental health counselors to serve the diverse individuals and families of the greater Richmond, TX area. To do so will require trainees not only equipped to provide culturally and spiritually-responsive care, but also Spanish-speaking services to Latinx individuals and families.



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For more information about the Richmond Area Bilingual Fellows Program or
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How does the Richmond Area Bilingual Fellows program work?



Eligibility

To be eligible for the fellowship, students must be bilingual Spanish/English speakers who commit to work in a paid internship in the Richmond, TX area for two years following graduation.

Fellows who meet the MHC degree program and fellowship requirements will have guaranteed placement with The Houston Galveston Institute (HGI), (hgicounseling.org) for their two-year paid post-graduate internship. A stipend for moving costs to the Richmond area will be provided. During these two years, fellows will receive a salary and full benefits paid as well as all supervisory fees covered. This will allow fellows to complete the 3,000 supervised hours required for LPC licensing by the state of Texas.

Fellows must enroll as full-time students in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Southwest (ssw.edu/MHC) and maintain full-time status for the entirety of the three-year MHC degree program. Richmond Area Fellows entering the program in fall 2022 will begin the fellowship at HGI in the summer of 2025.

Learn more and apply at ssw.edu/richmond-area-bilingual-fellows-program