

# Melissa Brennan, PhD, LPC, CSC

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## **EDUCATION**

- 2019–2021**      *University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, KY*  
*Ph.D., Counselor Education and Supervision (CACREP)*
- 2011-2013**      *University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX*  
*M.A., Counseling, Specialization in School Counseling (CACREP)*
- 2004-2009**      *Texas State University, San Marcos, TX*  
*B.A., Psychology, Minor in Sociology*

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Our Lady of the Lake University**

#### ***Assistant Professor, Counseling ~ August 2022- Present***

- Instructor and Course Lead:
  - COUN 8355 (Child & Adolescent Counseling)
  - COUN 6323 (Professional School Counseling Services: Implementation & Evaluation)
  - COUN 6351 (Professional Orientation: School Counseling)
- School Counseling Specialization Coordinator
- Co-Project Director ~ Mental Health Awareness and Training Grant
- Advising Coordinator ~ MAC Program
- School Counseling Admissions Committee

### **Northside Independent School District**

#### ***School Counselor ~ August 2015- August 2022***

#### ***Elementary and Secondary Experience***

- Mentor to New School Counselors
- Gender and Sexuality Alliance Sponsor
- Campus Military Liaison
- Campus Assessment Coordinator
- Mentor Program ~ Campus Coordinator
- Response to Intervention ~ Campus Coordinator
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports ~ Campus Coordinator
- Parent Involvement Department ~ Campus Representative

### **University of the Cumberlands**

#### ***Graduate Teaching Assistant ~ January 2020- June 2021***

#### ***Online Synchronous ~ Lesson Development & Teaching***

- Child and Adolescent Counseling (COUN 635)
- Group Counseling Skills (COUN 637)

### **South San Antonio ISD and Manor ISD**

#### ***Classroom Teacher~ August 2023- June 2015***

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Grade ~ General Education Classroom***

- Response to Intervention Campus Coordinator
- Social Studies Curriculum Committee Member

### **CREDENTIALS – STATE OF TEXAS**

2018- Present            Licensed Professional Counselor- Active #77833

### **CERTIFICATIONS – STATE OF TEXAS**

2015- Present            Standard School Counselor (EC-12)

2023- Present            Mental Health First Aid Instructor (157865076)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Hatfield, T., Allieturco, P., Johansson, S. & **Brennan, M.** (2021). Intentionally Inclusive Pedagogy: Pedagogical Practice as an Act of Social Justice. In D. Meyers & M.S. Barnett (Eds.), *Hating Girls: An Intersectional Survey of Misogyny* (pp. 24-50). Brill.

Hatfield, T., Allie-Turco, P., Johansson, S.E. & **Brennan, M.** (2022). Online Pedagogy. In T.M. Mikolon & T. Hatfield (Eds.), *Foundations, Principles and Techniques of Online Teaching* (pp. 19-46). Cognella Academic Publishing.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Brennan, M.** & Smith, C. G. (2023). *Advocacy for Self and the Profession*. Northside Counselors Association Professional Development Session, San Antonio, TX.

**Brennan, M.** & Smith, C. (2023). *The Future of School Counseling: The Profession is in Trouble and Needs Our Help (A Call for Advocacy)*. TACES Mid-Winter Conference, Georgetown, TX.

**Brennan, M.** (2022). *School counseling ethics*. University of Texas at Austin- Counseling Program Guest Lecture, Austin, TX.

**Brennan, M.** & Smith, C. G. (2021). *Solution-focused brief therapy*. Northside ISD School Psychologist Professional Development Session, San Antonio, TX.

Schmuldt, L.; **Brennan, M.**; Qureshi, S. & Smith, R. (2021). *Tapping Strengths: Group EMDR During the Dual Pandemic*. The Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Counseling & Therapy Summit.

Heaton, K., **Brennan, M.**, Joseph, L., Grout, V., & Smith, R. (2021). *It's not just a word: Understanding the value of normalizing pronouns*. Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society- Virtual Annual Conference.

**Brennan, M.**, Ojeda, S. (2017). *Counseling with a growth mindset*. Northside ISD Counseling Summer Institute, San Antonio, TX.

**Brennan, M.**, Bloom, L. & Carrasco, L. (2018). *Incorporating award ceremonies into your school's student leadership program*. Northside ISD Student Leadership Symposium, San Antonio, TX.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Counseling Association  
American School Counselor Association  
Association for Counselor Education and Supervision  
Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision  
Texas Counseling Association  
Texas School Counselor Association  
Northside Counselors Association

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**2023** Program Reviewer ~ Texas Counseling Association 2023 Winter Conference  
**2022** OLLU Education Department Search Committee Member: Certification Officer  
**2022** Northside ISD Counseling Department ~ Counselor Summer Institute Coordinator  
**2021** Brennan High School ~ Campus Military Support Liaison  
**2021** Brennan High School ~ New Counselor Mentor  
**2021** Northside Counselors Association ~ Scholarships Chair  
**2020** Brennan High School ~ New Counselor Mentor  
**2020** Northside Counselors Association ~ HS Board Representative  
**2020** District Mental Health Curriculum Writing Committee Member  
**2019** Northside Counselors Association ~ Past President  
**2018** Northside Counselors Association ~ President  
**2018** Texas School Counselors Association Annual Conference ~ Facilitator  
**2018** District Guidance Curriculum Writing Committee Member (Growth Mindset Focus)  
**2017** Campus Educator of the Year ~ Murnin Elementary  
**2017** Northside Counselors Association ~ President Elect  
**2017** Northside Student Leadership Summer Symposium ~ Facilitator  
**2016** Northside Counselors Association ~ Community Service Chair  
**2016** Northside Counselors Summer Institute ~ Facilitator  
**2016** TARCA Winter Workshop ~ Facilitator