In Would-be Graduate Students' Mind, Futures Studies and Educational Psychology &amp Counseling Are th

Among the 3 newly implemented graduate institutes, Educational Psychology and Counseling and Futures Studies are the most sought after in the mind of would-be graduate students. For instance, in the former, there are 216 contenders, whereas in the latter, though the number is a little fewer, it is still very impressive: 114 in all. But the admitted contingency for both institutes is appallingly low: only 10 for each.

Let's hear Prof. Huang Tsung-chain's input about the whole situation: "TKU is the first private university that has set up a graduate institute in Educational Psychology &amp Counseling, but the number of applicants is even more than National Taiwan Teacher's College. Of course, it is a reassuring thing to a newly organized institute like ours."

Prof. Huang also pointed out that choosing Educational Psychology &amp Counseling has become a trend among students. Even Science and Engineering majors showed an enormous interest in this subject.

"Educational Psychology is a knowledge tinged with humanities." Prof. Huang continued to enlighten us, "By injecting humanities into a scientific study, our study links the body, the mind and the spirit of a human being, thus integrating them into the realm of educational environment———it is more Far Eastern, Cofucian, in other words, than Western in spirit. Since our focal point is Educational Psychology and Counseling, a student majoring in this subject can become a counselor.

Given time and proper training, he/she could eventually become a licensed psychiatrist.

To master Futures Studies is even more amazing. According to Prof. Chen Kuo-hua, Director, Center for Futures Studies, the nucleus of Futures Studies deals with the processes of creating a future, and it needs to study the wisdom in seeking a way to face the contingencies in the future. Nowadays, even an airline pilot must needs to study Futures Studies. In other words, it pays to study this subject.