

Margie Sandoval-Samilpa moved to Austin, TX in 1985 to attend the University of Texas at Austin on a full scholarship, majoring in Architectural Engineering. After 2 years, she realized that was not where her passion was. She took a Psychology course and immediately felt excited about learning more. People are her passion, although she has a very strong math, chemistry and physics background.

After graduating from UT, she accepted a full-time position at ACC as a Student Affairs Assistant. She enrolled in the Master's program at Texas State in Counseling and Guidance and continued on to a position as an Advisor and then Advising Supervisor at Riverside while earning her M.Ed., getting married and having 2 sons, all within 4 years. She served in that position for 15 years, had another son and daughter before moving on to a faculty position as a Counselor for the Health Sciences at Eastview. After 5 years, she transitioned to a Professor/Counseling position at South Austin. She also began teaching as an Adjunct Professor in the Student Development department in 2006.

In 2022, 7 of the remaining Academic Counselors were transitioned to the Instructional area out of Student Affairs to take on the role of Assistant Deans of Faculty Advising. Margie served in that role for 1 year as Professor/Academic Counselor-Assistant Dean of Faculty Advising for the Health Sciences and assisted in hiring/training and supporting 6 Health Science Faculty Advisors before retiring after 34 years of service on August 2023, after being blessed with the addition of 3 grandsons that year.

On December 2, 2024, Margie returned to ACC as a Workforce Education Faculty Advisor and celebrated 35 years of marriage on February 14, 2025.