

Counseling Programs

Graduation Rates

Last year (June 2012 – April 2013), 31 students graduated from the three counseling programs – 11 from Community Counseling*, 6 from College Counseling, and 14 from School Counseling. The majority of our students are part-time and work while they attend school, yet a high percentage of students who begin our programs graduate. While students have 6 years to complete their programs, the average time it takes is three years. 74% of those who are program-admitted graduate. (62% for Community Counseling*; 80% for College Counseling; 78% for School Counseling).

Employment

Based on a survey of 51 program graduates, 78% reported that they were employed in counseling jobs *within six months of graduation*. By program, 91% of Community Counseling* program graduates, 86% of College Counseling graduates, and 64% of School Counseling graduates were employed in counseling positions. It is important to note that some of the school counseling graduates reported that they were not actively seeking employment because they were waiting for positions to open up in their schools. School counseling students who graduate in December usually have to wait eight months to obtain counseling positions for the following school year. Other graduates responded that while they were employed, it took longer than six months to obtain their jobs.

Examination Pass Rates

To obtain licensure in Michigan, graduates must pass the National Counselor Examination (NCE). Over the last four administrations of the test, we had a 93% pass rate

* Note that the data reported here is for the Community Counseling program, the precursor to the Clinical Mental Health Program. Data on graduates from the Clinical Mental Health Program is not yet available.