

**M.A. IN COUNSELING PROGRAMS OUTCOMES 2022-2023**  
***Marriage, Family and Child Counseling (MFCC) Specialty***

The M.A. in Counseling Program at Palo Alto University is proud to offer two CACREP-accredited specialties. This statement highlights relevant programs and student outcomes for the MFCC specialty.

**Graduation and Completion Rates 2022-2023**

- 149 students graduated from the Marriage, Family and Child Counseling specialty area in the 2022-2023 academic year.
- This number represents an 76% on-time completion rate based on an anticipated enrollment period of 2.5 years.

**Licensure Exam Pass Rates**

In the state of California, the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) requires two exams for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT). The first is a California Law and Ethics exam and the second is the LMFT Clinical Exam. The table below identifies the 2022-2023 pass rates for PAU graduates of the MFCC specialty seeking licensure as a MFT in California.

		All PAU Test Takers			PAU FIRST TIME TEST TAKERS		
	Exam	Taking Exam	Passed	Pass percent	Taking Exam	Passed	Pass percent
2022 January to	LMFT Law and Ethics	81	66	81%	73	61	84%
2023 June	LMFT Clinical Exam	66	50	76%	51	41	80%

Starting in the Fall of 2020, Palo Alto University became a partnership school with the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) to be able to offer to currently enrolled students the opportunity to take two exams often used for license. Three students in the MFCC track took the NBCC exams in Spring 2023 with 2 passing, resulting in a 67% pass rate.

**Job Placement Rates-MFCC**

Two sources of data were used to identify job placement rates of MFCC graduates. The "Future Plans" survey is completed by all students at the time of graduation, and the "Alumni" survey is sent each Spring to all PAU alumni.

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Based on the results of the Future Plans survey of all graduating counseling students (not disaggregated by emphasis area, N=41 ), 31 graduating students, or 76%, had secured employment at the time of graduation. The largest identified sector (24%) was non-profit agencies with other sectors including education, government, and self employed.

Based on the results of the 2023 Alumni Survey (n=20), 100% of respondents who graduated With the MFCC emphasis area reported they were employed either full time or part time. When asked about setting for current employment, MFCC alumni identified several clinical settings, the highest sectors were private practice (20%), community mental health agencies (10%) and education-K-12 settings (15%). Other sectors identified included health care, local government, and non-profit agencies.