



M.A. IN COUNSELING PROGRAMS OUTCOMES -2019-2020

Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) Specialty

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

Graduation and Completion Rates-2019-2020

- 30 students graduated from the Clinical Mental Health Counseling specialty area in the 2019-2020 academic year.
- This number represents an 81% 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. The first is a California Law and Ethics exam and the second is the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam (NCMHCE). The table below identifies the 2019 pass rates for PAU graduates of the CMHC specialty seeking licensure as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) in California. For all test takers the average pass percentage is 90.5%, which is 19.5% higher than the California average for the identified tests.

Counseling Department-California Licensure Test Pass Rates									
		All PAU Test Takers			PAU First Time Test Takers			CA Average	PAU vs. State Average
	Exam	Taking Exam	Passed	Pass Percent	Taking Exam	Passed	Pass Percent		
2019-Jan to Jun	LPCC Law and Ethics	16	13	81%	14	11	79%	72%	+9%
	NCMHCE	2	2	100%	2	2	100%	70%	+30%

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. Starting in the 2021-2022 academic year,

we will be able to also report licensure pass rates for an increased number of students taking either the NCMHCE or the National Counseling Exam (NCE) outside of California.

Job Placement Rates

Based on the results of the 2020 Alumni Survey, 95.45% of graduates who were actively seeking employment in the field were hired. Of the 24 respondents, one student was not seeking employment and was removed from the calculation. Another respondent who is continuing their education and currently enrolled in a doctoral program was also excluded from the final calculation.