



M.A. IN COUNSELING PROGRAMS OUTCOMES -2019

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-2018-2019

- 20 students graduated from the Clinical Mental Health Counseling specialty area in the 2018-2019 academic year.
- This number represents a 79% on-time completion rate based on an anticipated enrollment period of 2.5 years.

Licensure Exam Pass Rates

The table below identifies the pass rates for PAU graduates of the CMHC specialty seeking licensure as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS). For all test takers for the past three years, the pass percentage is 74%, which is 9% 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 versus State Average
	Exam	Taking Exam	Passed	Pass Percent	Taking Exam	Passed	Pass Percent		
2017- Jan to Jun	LPCC Law and Ethics	12	8	67%	12	8	67%	68%	-1%
	LPCC NCMHCE	0	0		0	0			
2017- Jul to Dec	LPCC Law and Ethics	8	5	63%	6	4	67%	67%	-5%
	LPCC NCMHCE	0	0		0	0			
2018- Jan to Jun	LPCC Law and Ethics	14	12	86%	13	12	92%	60%	26%
	LPCC NCMHCE	0	0		0	0			
TOTALS		34	25	74%	31	24	77%	65%	9%

Please note that we do not yet have data about pass rates of the NCMHCE exam in California as this is the last step in the licensure process.

Through a recent alumni survey, we were also able to identify successful licensure pass rates for graduates in Arizona, Utah, Maryland and Texas.

Job Placement Rates

We surveyed recent graduates of the CMHC specialty area (within the past two years), and 93% of graduates who were actively seeking employment in the field were hired. Sample jobs are identified below:

- Clinician
- Mental Health Counselor
- Clinical Director/Project Manager
- Clinical Counselor
- Addiction Counselor