



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

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 program and student outcomes for the MFCC specialty area.

Graduation and Completion Rates-2019-2020

- 67 students graduated from the Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling specialty area in the 2019-2020 academic year.
- This number represents an 82% 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 an LMFT Clinical Exam. The table below identifies the 2019 pass rates for PAU graduates of the MFCC specialty seeking licensure as an MFT in California. For all test takers the average pass percentage is 88%, which is 21% 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	LMFT Law and Ethics	22	21	95%	21	21	100%	70%	+25%
	LMFT Clinical Exam	16	13	81%	13	10	77%	64%	+17%

Job Placement Rates

Based on the results of the 2020 Alumni Survey, 89.90% of graduates of the MFCC program who were actively seeking employment in the field were hired. Of the 52 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, as was another student who did not provide employment data.