



## M.A. IN COUNSELING PROGRAMS OUTCOMES -2021-2021

### *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-2021-2022**

- 87 students graduated from the Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling specialty area in the 2021-2022 academic year.
- This number represents a 94% 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 2021-2022 pass rates for PAU graduates of the MFCC specialty seeking licensure as an MFT in California.

		All PAU Test Takers			PAU First Time Test Takers		
	Exam	Taking Exam	Passed	Pass Percent	Taking Exam	Passed	Pass Percent
2021-Jan to	LMFT Law and Ethics	97	82	85%	86	76	88%
2022 March	LMFT Clinical Exam	58	47	81%	45	36	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. Below are pass rates reported by NBCC for our MFCC students who took the NCE or NCMHCE in Fall 2021. We have not received data from NBCC for the Spring 2022 administration.

		PAU MFCC Students			National Pass Rate
	Exam	Taking Exam	Passed	Pass Percent	Pass Percent
Fall 2021	NCE/NCMHCE	1	1	100%	91%

### 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.

Based on the results of the Future Plans survey of all graduating counseling students (not disaggregated by emphasis area, N= 110), 64 graduating students, or 58%, had secured employment at the time of graduation. The largest identified sector (53%) was non-profit agencies with other sectors including education, government, and for-profit agencies.

Based on the results of the 2022 Alumni Survey (n=26), 96% of respondents who graduated from the MFCC emphasis area reported they were employed either full time or part time. When asked about setting for current employment, MFCC alumni identified numerous clinical settings. The highest sectors were private practice (35%), community mental health agencies (15%) and education-K-12 settings (15%). Other sectors identified included health care, local government, non-profit agencies and for-profit agencies.