

STETSON UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the Department of Counselor Education is to educate counseling students including those from diverse academic, geographic, religious/spiritual, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, preparing them to accept and demonstrate their professional counseling responsibilities with distinction. Students learn to behave ethically, become aware of their personal strengths and resiliency, as well as their professional counseling responsibilities in an effort to apply these skills and self-knowledge to a culturally diverse clientele.

The purpose of this annual report is to inform students, the public, and important community stakeholders about key findings of the program in line with our program mission statement and objectives.

PROGRAM ADMISSION AND GRADUATION RATES

The following tables display the number of Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) and Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (MCFC) admissions and graduates from Fall 2024 – Summer 2025.

Term	Admissions			Graduates		
	CMHC	MCFC	Total	CMHC	MCFC	Total
Fall 2024	20	7	27	16	4	20
Spring 2025	11	1	12	4	2	6
Summer 2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	7	24
TOTAL	31	8	39	37	13	50

Retention, defined by Stetson University as those who are still enrolled one year after entry, was 83.3% for CMHC students and 83.3% for MCFC students from AY 2023-2024 to AY 2024-2025.

Graduation rates, calculated the proportion of students who entered during AY 2018-2019 and completed by the end of AY 2024-2025, was 68.4% for CMHC and 44.4% for MCFC.

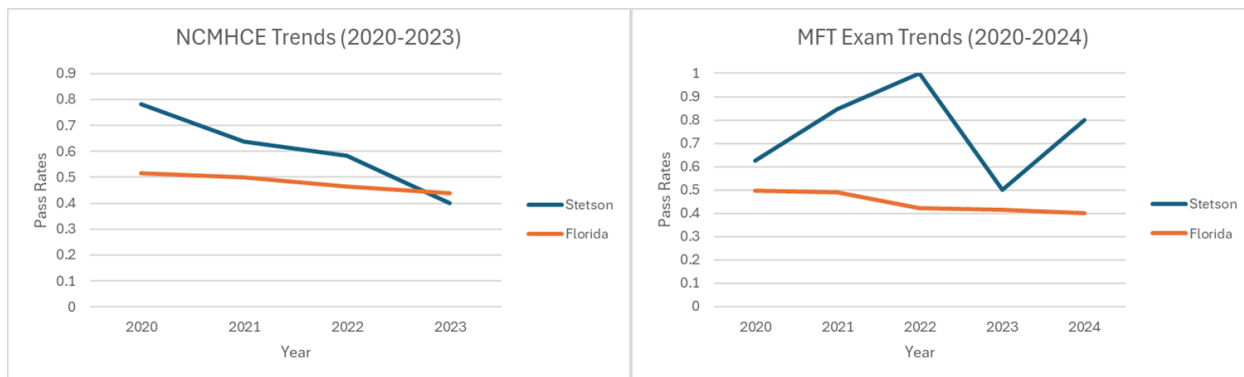
In accordance with 2024 CACREP standards, Department of Counselor Education faculty conduct a developmental, systematic assessment of each student's progress throughout their program, including consideration of the student's academic performance, professional development, and personal development. The student's knowledge, interpersonal skills, and counseling skills are consistently evaluated to determine if the student is competently progressing, if remedial work is necessary, or if a student should be withdrawn from the program. Faculty members address specific concerns related to individual students at each faculty meeting and adhere to the guidelines for reviewing student competency when decisions indicate a need for student remediation or withdrawal.

NATIONAL EXAM PASS RATES

The Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling serves as the licensing board for mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists. A passing score on the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) is required to become a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Florida, and a passing score on the Examination in Marital and Family Therapy (MFT Exam) is required to become a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Florida. The following table and line graphs display the pass rates of Stetson alumni on the NCMHCE and MFT Exam, as well as average pass rates in Florida for the past five years.

Year	NCMHCE		MFT Exam	
	Stetson Pass Rate	FL Avg. Pass Rate	Stetson Pass Rate	FL Avg. Pass Rate
2020	78.26% (18)	51.65%	62.50% (5)	49.70%
2021	63.64% (14)	50.02%	84.62% (11)	49.12%
2022	58.33% (14)	46.51%	100.00% (4)	42.09%
2023	40.00% (4)	43.96%	50.00% (2)	41.36%
2024*	Not available	Not available	80.00% (4)	39.94%

NCMHCE data obtained from <https://floridasmmentalhealthprofessions.gov/licensed-mental-health-counselor/>.
MFT Exam data obtained from <https://floridasmmentalhealthprofessions.gov/licensed-marriage-and-family-therapist/>.
* 2024 NCMHCE data was not available when this report was compiled. 2024 MFT Exam pass rates based on available data for January-September 2024.



The Department of Counselor Education has adopted the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) as one of its graduation requirements. The CPCE is required of all degree-seeking students. It is designed as a summative evaluation that measures the pertinent and professional relevant knowledge students have obtained during their counselor preparation program at Stetson University. The CPCE reflects the eight core curriculum areas approved by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Students sit for the CPCE when the majority of their coursework is completed toward the end of Practicum.

The CPCE pass rate was 82.93% for the 2024-2025 academic year. The table below shows average scores for Stetson counselor education students alongside national average scores for Fall 2024 through Summer 2025.

Section	Stetson Average Scores (N = 41)			National Average Scores (N = 8,751)	
	M	SD		M	SD
C1: Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice	12.10	1.93		12.00	2.03
C2: Social and Cultural Diversity	10.44	2.16		10.40	2.25
C3: Human Growth and Development	10.95	2.48		11.59	2.39
C4: Career Development	11.22	2.02		11.70	2.23
C5: Counseling and Helping Relationships	10.88	2.22		10.88	2.35
C6: Group Counseling and Group Work	12.20	2.27		12.64	2.35
C7: Assessment and Testing	11.46	2.52		10.71	2.51
C8: Research and Program Evaluation	10.98	3.15		10.75	2.83
Total	90.22	13.20		90.66	13.73

JOB PLACEMENT DATA

Students who graduated in Spring or Summer 2025 were asked to complete an exit survey, which included information about post-master's job plans. Twenty-two alumni completed the exit survey, and 16 alumni shared their job placement plans:

Employment	N
Private practice	13.33% (2)
Residential facility or group home	13.33% (2)
Pursuing higher education	13.33% (2)
Crisis response team	6.67% (1)
Nonprofit counseling center	6.67% (1)
School counseling	6.67% (1)
Addictions counseling	6.67% (1)
Other	33.33% (5)

Graduating students who participated in the Hatters Behavioral Health Coalition (HRSA grant) were asked to complete a separate exit survey, which included information about post-master's job plans. Eight alumni completed the exit survey:

	CMHC	MCFC
Secured employment in the counseling field after graduation?	Yes (3, 37.50%)	Yes (1, 12.50%)
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