

CPCE

Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination

The Definitive Student Evaluative Instrument for Counseling Programs

PURPOSE

The purpose of the CPCE is to assess counseling students' knowledge of counseling information viewed as important by counselor preparation programs. The CPCE will also provide collective feedback that can be used by programs in developing/adapting curriculum.

BENEFITS FOR PROGRAMS

- Allows Master's program comprehensive exams to better meet psychometric standards.
 - Gives programs an objective view of the knowledge level of their students.
 - Allows programs to examine student functioning in various curricular areas.
 - Promotes longitudinal self study.
 - Compares a program's results to national data.
 - Stimulates student integration of knowledge learned in separate courses.
 - Gives students comparative strength/weakness feedback.
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EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT

The item writing committee was selected from master's-level and doctoral-level professionals. The committee compiled a comprehensive listing of texts by surveying all counselor education programs. More than 100 programs submitted the references they use for counselor training. Each question was developed based on information found in the most commonly used textbooks. A list of these texts is provided to each participating program as a study aid for their students.

The CPCE consists of 160 items with 20 items per CACREP area.