

Fort Hays State University

Counseling Programs – Department of Advanced Education Programs

Vital Statistics Report 2020-2021

Each year, the counseling programs provide vital statistics to inform all interested parties and prospective students of the changes and progress made in the school counseling and clinical mental health counseling programs. The statistics inform student progress and outcome while achieving an MS Degree in counseling from Fort Hays State University (FHSU). The following information is from the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

School Counseling Program

This past year, there were 39 graduates of the FHSU MS in School Counseling Program. To obtain initial licensure, our graduate completes the Praxis II: Professional School Counselor. Licensure examination data is not openly available to the FHSU faculty; therefore, we rely on reporting from our graduate survey and estimates from advisors. This past year, the estimated pass rate was 100% for our graduates taking the Praxis II. Of all the graduates actively seeking employment, there was 100% job placement rate.

Currently, there are 162 students enrolled in the School Counseling program for the Fall 2021. The School Counseling program received 110 applications last academic year. Ninety percent of students graduate within the expected time period of two to two and a half years for full time students. Course offerings and enrollment requirements accommodate both part-time and full-time students.

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program

This past year, there were 7 graduates of the FHSU MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program. Graduates complete the National Counselor Examination (NCE) for LPC licensure. Licensure examination data is not openly available to the FHSU faculty; therefore, we rely on reporting from our graduate survey and estimates from advisors. This past year, the estimated pass rate was 100% for our graduates taking the NCE. Of all the graduates actively seeking employment, there was 100% job placement rate.

Currently, there are 58 students enrolled in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program for fall 2021. The counseling program received 71 applications last academic year. Ninety percent of the students graduate within the expected time period of three years for full time students. Course offerings and enrollment requirements accommodate both part-time and full-time students.

***Numbers represent the number of graduates who responded to the graduate survey and reported the statistic. The numbers for job placement rate do not reflect the entire graduates of the program. The number of respondents to the statistic is indicated in parenthesis.

SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

Applicant Statistics

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Number of Students Enrolled*	162
Average Class size	
Content Class	12
Practicum	6
Internship	10
Number of Graduates	39
Completion Rate	90%
CPCE Pass Rate	100%
Licensure Pass Rate**	100%
Job Placement Rate**	100%

* Students enrolled for Fall 2021.

**Numbers represent the number of graduates who responded to the graduate survey and estimates from advisors. The numbers for job placement rate and NCE pass rate do not reflect the entire graduates of the program.

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM

Current Statistics

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Number of Students Enrolled*	58
Average Class size	
Content Class	11
Practicum	3
Internship	3
Number of Graduates	7
Completion Rate	90%
CPCE Pass Rate	100%
Licensure Pass Rate**	100%
Job Placement Rate**	100%

* Students enrolled for Fall 2021.

**Numbers represent the number of graduates who responded to the graduate survey and estimates from advisors. The numbers for job placement rate and NCE pass rate do not reflect the entire graduates of the program.

Applicant Statistics

SCHOOL COUNSELING

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Applicants	110
Accepted	81
Undergraduate GPA	3.6

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Applicants	71
Accepted	31
Undergraduate GPA	3.31

*In an effort to increase accessibility to more communities and populations, the Counseling programs removed the MAT/GRE requirement in January 2020. Aptitude for graduate level education is now assessed in the applicant interview, undergraduate GPA, letters of recommendation and personal statement.

Summary of Findings

The counseling programs continue to pursue meeting the CACREP FTE requirements along with the demand for counselors in the state of Kansas. The Counseling Programs hired a core faculty member to replace a faculty member who moved to another university and hired a new core faculty who began in the Fall of 2021. The student to faculty ratio for fall 2021 was 11.92:1

Both the School Counseling and the CMHC programs continue to grow in enrollment, partly to meet the demands of Kansas Schools and prevalence of alternative licensure pathways. Applications rise each year, and the number of qualified candidates continues to be high as well. Applicants to the programs are majority White and female.

Reported licensure pass rates are 100% and the job acceptance rates are 100% for those seeking employment. The state of Kansas continues to desire counselors. The Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) has indicated a goal to hire on average 150 school counselors each year through 2024 so they can achieve a 250:1 counselor to student ratio across public schools.