

Graduate Exit Survey

Fall 2013 Respondents

1. Year and Semester of graduation from the Nicholls State University's Counseling program:

Fall 2012
Fall 2012
Fall 2012
Fall 2012
Spring 2012
December 2011
May 2012
Fall 2012
December 2012
Fall 2012
Fall 2012
May 2012
December 2012
May 2012
Fall 2012
Fall 2012
Fall 2012
Fall 2012
Spring 2012
Fall 2011

2. Please indicate the counseling program you were enrolled in:

Masters of Clinical Mental Health Counseling- 58.3% (7)
Masters of Education in School Counseling- 33.3% (4)
Masters of School Psychology- 8.3% (1)

3. Please indicate your current employment position (even if it is not in the counseling field):

Clinician
Counselor
Unemployed
Social Service Counselor
A Catholic priest, now working as a financial administrator of the Society
Middle School Teacher
Substitute Teacher
N/A
High School Teacher

None
Assistant to handicapped individuals
Assistant Director of Financial Aid/Student Employment
Teaching academic enrichment camp for third graders
Teacher
Mental Health Professional
I am currently a Mental Health Professional working with children and adults conducting family counseling, group counseling, and individual counseling.
Family Therapist
Mental Health Professional working at Bayou Oaks Health Services counseling adults and children in the community.
Employed as Teacher

4. Please name the entity or organization for which you work:
MMO Behavioral Health Systems
Orleans Drug Court
N/A
State of LA, St. Mary Treatment Center
The Indian Missionary Society
Lafourche Parish School Board
St. Charles Parish Public Schools
N/A
Assumption Parish School Board
None
Lafourche Association for Retarded Citizens
Nicholls State University

5. How satisfied are you with your ability to conduct the following: Please rate your experience using the following scale: VS-Very Satisfied, S-Satisfied, N-Neutral, D-Dissatisfied, VD-Very Dissatisfied		
Individual Counseling	Group Counseling	Family Counseling
VS- 58.3% (7)	VS- 66.7% (8)	VS- 33.3% (4)
S- 41.7% (5)	S- 33.3% (4)	S- 50.0% (6)
N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)	N- 16.7% (2)
D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)
DV- 0.0% (0)	VD- 0.0% (0)	VD- 0.0% (0)

6. How satisfied are you with your learning experiences in the area of Knowledge: Please rate your experience using the following scale: VS-Very Satisfied, S-Satisfied, N-Neutral, D-Dissatisfied, VD-Very Dissatisfied

Counseling theories	Assessment & Evaluation	Ethical Standards/Legal Issues & Implications
VS- 33.3% (5)	VS- 46.7% (7)	VS- 46.7% (7)
S- 60.0% (9)	S- 26.7% (4)	S- 40.0% (6)
N- 6.7% (1)	N- 20.0% (3)	N- 13.3% (2)
D- 0.0% (0)	D- 6.7% (1)	D- 0.0% (0)
DV- 0.0% (0)	DV- 0.0% (0)	DV- 0.0% (0)

Diversity Issues	Client Advocacy	Professional Advocacy	Social Justice	Professional Role and Identity
VS- 60.0% (9)	VS- 46.7% (7)	VS- 46.7% (7)	VS- 53.3% (8)	VS- 53.3% (8)
S- 26.7% (4)	S- 46.7% (7)	S- 20.0% (3)	S- 13.3% (2)	S- 46.7% (7)
N- 13.3% (2)	N- 6.7% (1)	N- 26.7% (4)	N- 26.7% (4)	N- 0.0% (0)
D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 6.7% (1)	D- 6.7% (1)	D- 0.0% (0)
DV- 0.0% (0)	DV- 0.0% (0)	DV- 0.0% (0)	DV- 0.0% (0)	DV- 0.0% (0)

Developmental Needs across the Lifespan	Career Developmental Theories
VS- 72.7% (8)	VS- 54.5% (6)
S- 27.3% (3)	S- 27.3% (3)
N- 0.0% (0)	N- 9.1% (1)
D- 0.0% (0)	D- 9.1% (1)
DV- 0.0% (0)	DV- 0.0% (0)

7. How satisfied are you with your learning experiences in the area of Skill: Please rate your experience using the following scale: VS-Very Satisfied, S-Satisfied, N-Neutral, D-Dissatisfied, VD-Very Dissatisfied

Use of Assessments/ Evaluations	Applying Counseling Interventions	Developing Treatment / Intervention plans	Writing Progress/Case Notes	Collaborating with Colleagues
VS- 20.0% (3)	VS- 46.7% (7)	VS- 40.0% (6)	VS- 60.0% (9)	VS- 66.7% (10)
S- 40.0% (6)	S- 40.0% (6)	S- 20.0% (3)	S- 20.0% (3)	S- 20.0% (3)
N- 30.0% (3)	N- 0.0% (0)	N- 26.7% (4)	N- 13.3% (2)	N- 6.7% (1)
D- 13.3% (2)	D- 13.3% (2)	D- 13.3% (2)	D- 6.7% (1)	D- 6.7% (1)
VD- 6.7% (1)	VD- 0.0% (0)	VD- 0.0% (0)	VD- 0.0% (0)	VD- 0.0% (0)

Collaborating with Clients' Support Systems	Seeking Assistance from Supervisors	Seeking Professional Development Opportunities	Using Evidence (Research) and Informed Practice	Working with Clients' Belief Systems
VS- 81.8% (9)	VS- 81.8% (9)	VS- 36.4% (4)	VS- 27.3% (3)	VS- 45.5% (5)
S- 18.2% (2)	S- 18.2% (2)	S- 63.6% (7)	S- 45.5% (5)	S- 54.5% (6)
N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)	N- 27.3% (3)	N- 0.0% (0)
D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)
VD- 0.0% (0)	VD- 0.0% (0)	VD- 0.0% (0)	VD- 0.0% (0)	VD- 0.0% (0)

Abiding by Ethical and Legal Standards
VS- 81.8% (9)
S- 18.2% (2)
N- 0.0% (0)
D- 0.0% (0)
VD- 0.0% (0)

8. How satisfied are you with your learning experiences in the area of Awareness/Disposition: Please rate your experience using the following scale: VS-Very Satisfied, S-Satisfied, N-Neutral, D-Dissatisfied, VD-Very Dissatisfied

Appreciates Individual Differences	Recognizes the Importance of Client Advocacy and Serving as a Change Agent	Uses Supervision Effectively	Is Committed to Professional Growth and Development	Values Engaging Clients' Support Systems
VS- 90.9% (10)	VS- 90.9% (10)	VS- 81.8% (9)	VS- 81.8% (9)	VS- 90.9% (10)
S- 0.0% (0)	S- 0.0% (0)	S- 9.1% (1)	S- 9.1% (1)	S- 0.0% (0)
N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)
D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)
VD- 9.1% (1)	VD- 9.1% (1)	VD- 9.1% (1)	VD- 9.1% (1)	VD- 9.1% (1)

Recognizes the Importance of Supervision and Case Consultation	Appreciates Learning and Cultural Differences	Recognizes the Importance of Self-awareness/ Reflection	Values the Integration of Culture, Race, Sexual Orientation, Gender, Abilities/Disabilities, Socio-economic Status, and Spirituality into Counseling
VS- 90.9% (10)	VS- 90.9% (10)	VS- 90.9% (10)	VS- 90.0% (9)
S- 0.0% (0)	S- 0.0% (0)	S- 0.0% (0)	S- 10.0% (1)
N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)	N- 0.0% (0)
D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)	D- 0.0% (0)
VD- 9.1% (1)	VD- 9.1% (1)	VD- 9.1% (1)	VD- 0.0% (0)

9. Overall, please indicate your level of satisfaction with your counseling program's preparation at Nicholls State University:

Very Satisfied: 72.7% (8)
Satisfied: 27.3% (3)
Neutral: 0.0% (0)
Dissatisfied: 0.0% (0)
Very Dissatisfied: 0.0% (0)

10. Please describe, in your own words, how well you believe you were prepared by the Nicholls State University Counseling program. Include 3 strengths and 3 weaknesses you would like to note, and/or any specific comments about faculty members or courses.

I believe that this program and my internship has prepared me very well for my current position.

I believe the program has offered me skills set, ethical practice and the important of continued professional growth. I would have liked more focus on the DSM-IV, case conceptualization with colleagues and treatment planning practices.

Strengths: 1. I believe the group psychotherapy and facilitative skills courses with Dr. Mathis specifically was the biggest strength of the program in preparing me as a professional. 2. I believe the training clinic was also a strength, as well as weekly supervision. 3. The internship is where I learned the most.
Weaknesses: 1. There were some professors minimally involved in facilitating our learning in their courses. 2. The clinic, although partly a strength, was also a joke. It should be more than just playing around with clients. We all should have been expected to implement treatment plans and make them work. 3. All courses should be more hands-on, more training.

The strengths are: The experience we gain from the clinic, the activities done within classes example: practicing techniques with classmates, and the willingness of the professors to give honest feedback. The weaknesses would be: Need to be more accommodating to those who work a full-time, child care for parents who are enrolled, and more availability to have one on ones as each student works on their own issues through their studies. The faculty was awesome, always available when needed, very supportive, and concerned about their students. I truly enjoyed my time here.

Strengths: Well informed professors, professors are very helpful, a clinic for practicum, which was very helpful in launching to the field of counseling. Weaknesses: Lack of regular updates of the computer system

Strength: readiness of faculty to assist students, knowledge/insight of faculty, hands on experiences (sample opportunity- i.e. practicum and internship). Weaknesses-1.

3 strengths: group class, play therapy class and faculty. 3 weaknesses: stats class, stats teacher and master comp exam. Dr. Mathis is an awesome teacher. I learned a lot from him. Dr. Tanner cares about her students. Dr. Fanguy is awesome. She has real-life experience being a school counselor and has a lot to offer the program.

N/A

I firmly believe the externship is a vital, positive component of this program. Another strength would be the on-campus counseling services provided by the students. The obvious strength would be the encouraging staff that have taught us skills and interventions that can be used in this profession. The only weakness I foresee is the lack of rigor in testing and minimal acceptance requirements upon admittance into the program to ensure highly-skilled and well-spoken individuals upon exit.

Strengths- Supervision at the practicum and internship level, availability and guidance of instructors.

Weaknesses- Providing more information regarding applying for your certificate after graduation. I thought it would have been more beneficial if we were required to take Group and Basic Facilitative the semester before practicum. It seemed as though everyone (including myself) was nervous and didn't know what to expect in practicum. Another thought would be to allow students to go watch some sessions in the clinic the semester before practicum to better prepare them. Overall, I had a great experience in the program.

ST-ethics, development across the life span, & group counseling. Wk- family, theories, & facilitative.