

*For students admitted to MCoun program prior to June 2017*

Students admitted to the MCoun degree program prior to June 2017 must successfully pass a written project portfolio that demonstrates mastery of the MCoun learning outcomes. Students will specifically address G.L.O.a. by describing how they have and/or how they would utilize research/evidence-based counseling practice in their clinical work. Students will address G.L.O.c. by describing an ethical dilemma they have faced in their clinical practice to date and include an ethical decision model when describing their ethical decision-making processes. The written project portfolio will assess the 8 CACREP areas, in which the MCoun learning outcome objectives are based. These areas include:

1. Human growth and development
2. Social and cultural foundations
3. Helping relationships
4. Group work
5. Career and lifestyle development
6. Appraisal
7. Research and program evaluation (G.L.O.a.)
8. Professional orientation and ethics (G.L.O.c.)

The student's major advisor and one additional faculty member from the unit will serve as the student's committee. A student shall receive a Pass when the grading committee unanimously grades the portfolio as a Pass. In cases where consensus is not reached (one member votes Pass and one member votes No Pass) a third faculty member will serve as a third voter. Two outcomes are then possible: the candidate has passed with one dissenting vote or the candidate has not passed (two or more negative votes). In cases where the student has not passed, the committee recommends, by majority vote, that the student's work toward the degree be terminated. The committee recommends, by majority vote, that the student be allowed to resubmit a modified written project portfolio, but not before the end of the term in which the written project portfolio was completed. No more than two modified written project portfolios are permitted.

*For students admitted to MCoun program beginning June 2017*

Students admitted to the MCoun degree program beginning June 2017 must successfully pass a nationally administered exam (i.e., Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination) as determined by program faculty. The written exam will evaluate all three G.LO.'s. Successful completion of the national exam will evidence the candidate's mastery of MCoun subject material (G.L.O.b.) covered in the program and assess the candidate's ability to apply research (G.L.O.a.) and ethical (G.L.O.c.) proficiencies on the exam. The exam will assess the 8 CACREP areas, in which the MCoun learning outcome objectives are based. These areas include:

1. Human growth and development
2. Social and cultural foundations
3. Helping relationships
4. Group work
5. Career and lifestyle development
6. Appraisal
7. Research and program evaluation
8. Professional orientation and ethics

The minimum passing score for the national exam is defined as one standard deviation below the national mean at the time of administration. Candidates who do not pass the national exam are allowed to take re-examination, but not before the end of the term in which the exam was administered. No more than two re-exams are permitted.