

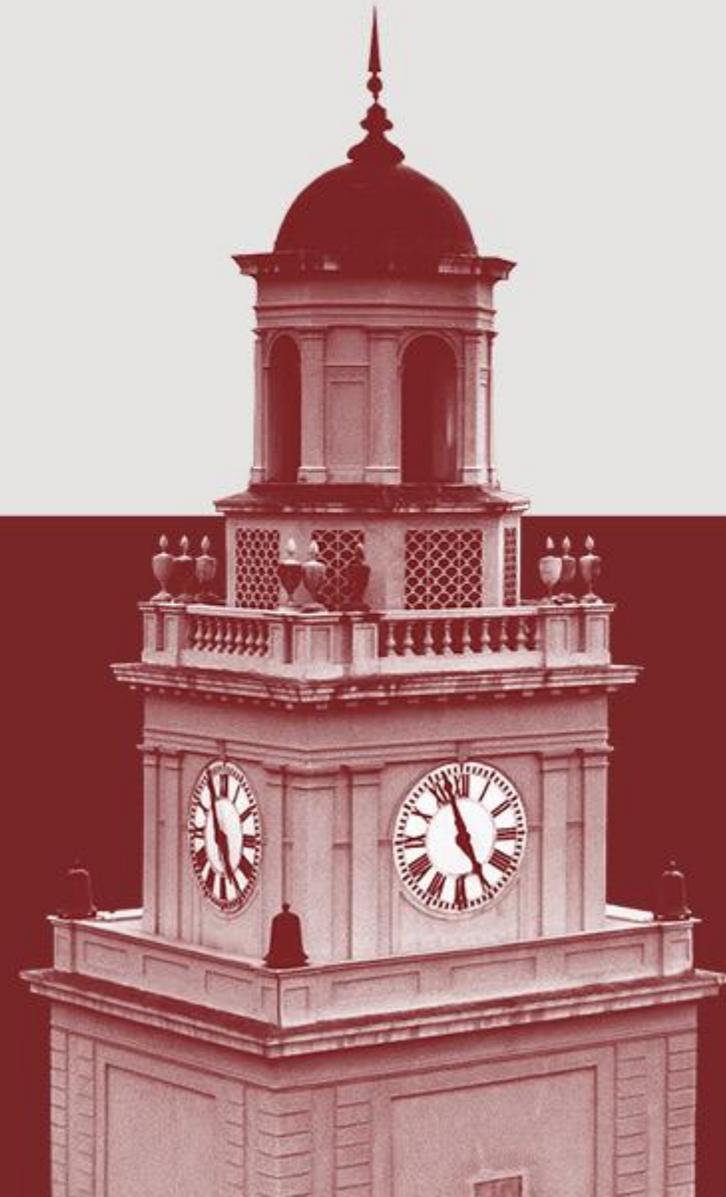
Group Advising: CPCE Exam

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↓ LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Know what the CPCE Exam is and what it entails
2. Understand the requirements of the exam and how to register
3. Utilize study resources and upcoming study sessions





WHAT IS THE CPCE EXAM?

The California Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) is an exit exam required of all DCHS students in Clinical Mental Health Counseling & School Counseling programs

- The exam aims to assess the student's knowledge of counseling to ensure you are ready to venture out into the field
- The CPCE Exam also provides collective feedback that faculty can use in the DCHS programs in developing & adapting curriculum



↘ WHAT IS ON THE EXAM?

There are 8 sections

- **Human Development**
 - Understanding the nature and needs of individuals at all developmental levels
- **Social and Cultural Foundations**
 - Understanding of issues and trends in a multicultural and diverse society
- **Helping Relationships**
 - Understanding of counseling and consultation process
- **Group Work**
 - Understanding of group development, dynamics, counseling theories, group counseling methods and skills, and other group work approaches



Sections cont.

- **Career and Lifestyle Development**
 - Understanding of career development and related life factors
- **Appraisal**
 - Understanding of individual and group approaches to assessment and evaluation
- **Research and Program Evaluation**
 - Understanding of types of research methods, basic statistics, and ethical and legal considerations in research
- **Professional Orientation and Ethics**
 - Understanding of all aspects of professional functioning, including history, roles, organizational structures, ethics, standards, and credentialing





HOW MANY QUESTIONS ARE ON THE EXAM?

In total, there are 160 questions

- There are 20 questions per category
 - Only 17 of those 20 questions will be scored





WHEN CAN I START TAKING THE CPCE EXAM?

It's best to take the Exam as close to graduation as possible

- It's recommended starting in the 5th term/having accumulated 35 credits
- For PPS Credential only students, 2nd term



↳ WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW TO REGISTER FOR THE EXAM?

You **MUST** register for the exam at minimum **ONE** month prior to the administration date of the exam

- Your advisor can help register you

There are **THREE** ways the test is administered. The cost depends on where you take your test

- At the University of Redlands (\$75)
- At the Pearson Examination Center (\$150)
- Virtually (\$150)



↘ DO I NEED TO ENROLL IN EDUC 699 IN ORDER TO TAKE THE EXAM?

Yes, you will enroll in EDUC 699 during the term you plan to take the exam

- When the student passes the exam, it will be counted as credit (CR)
- If you do not pass, it will remain as an incomplete (I) until the exam is passed



ACCOMODATIONS

If you will be needing accomodations they can be provided for you at the Pearson Center and on campus at the U of R

- However, it is recommended that the test be taken at the U of R through the Academic Success and Accessibility (ASA) office



↘ HOW DO I PASS THE EXAM?

School Counseling students must pass with a minimum score of 72

Clinical Mental Health students must pass with a minimum score of 84

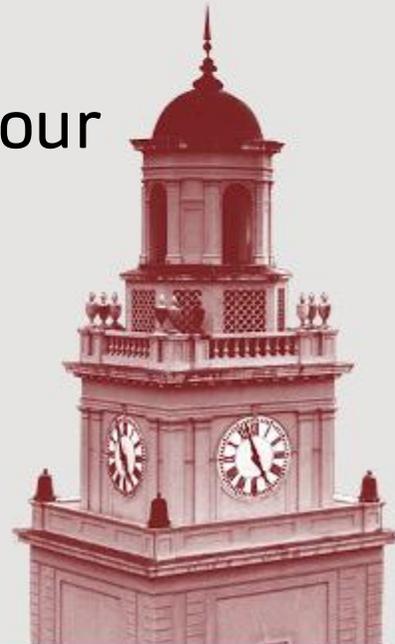
- The exam can be retaken. Students are given 3 opportunities to pass
- Before retaking, students should meet with Program Coordinator to develop a comprehensive plan to prepare
- After 3rd failed attempt, the DCHS faculty will determine if the student can demonstrate the knowledge required to pass the exam



Results

Results will be available within 48 hours of taking the exam in your Student Profile on the Pearson VUE website

- The results will be sent to your OSS advisor if you are taking the exam on campus
- If test is taken off-campus, you must send your test results to your advisor





STUDY RESOURCES

- The Encyclopedia of Counseling by Dr. Howard Rosenthal
- Mastering the National Counselor Examination (NCE) and the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) by Dr. Bradley T. Erford
- The Study Guide for the National Counselor Examination and CPCE by Dr. Andrew Helwig
- You can also form your own study groups and use any study space on campus



↓ UPCOMING TEST DATES

ON-CAMPUS

- Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am – 1:00pm
- Saturday, August 19th from 9:00am – 1:00pm

OFF-CAMPUS

- Tests are available at any time

