

MAJOR FIELD ASSESSMENT PLAN
M.Ed. Counselor Education

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to lead the educational, economic and cultural development of southeast Louisiana.

The Counseling Program in the Department of Human Development seeks to prepare graduate students to be effective professionals in the field of counseling.

Goal 1

To provide students with a sound professional knowledge base that will support them in a variety of settings including schools, community agencies, higher education, and private practice

Expected Outcome

Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge necessary to become a professional counselor.

Assessment

1. Ninety percent of the student taking the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam will pass on the first try.
2. At least 80% of students graduating from the program will pass the National Counselor Exam on the first try.

Goal 2

To provide students with information and training that will enable them to develop skills necessary for effective professional performance.

A. Expected Outcome

Students will be able to demonstrate skills and characteristics necessary to function in a setting appropriate to their field of concentration (community, school, or college counseling), knowledge and implementation of philosophical foundations and satisfactory personal characteristics.

Assessment

One-hundred percent of students who take internship will pass a screening test that entails faculty review of a 50-minute transcribed videotape with a client. One-hundred percent of students who graduate from the counseling program will have passing scores from site supervisors and university supervisors on practicum and internship evaluation which includes ratings of effective communication, adherence to ethical standards, and individual and group counseling techniques

B. Expected Outcome

Students will be able to implement planning, managerial and evaluation techniques for their selected counseling setting.

Assessment

All Practicum and Internship students will receive at least a satisfactory rating from their on-site supervisor on an evaluation form filled out by the site supervisor at least once each semester.

Goal 3

Students graduating from the counseling program should be satisfied with their course of study and believe that they are well-prepared for the job market.

Expected Outcome

Graduates will express satisfaction with knowledge and skills acquired in the SLU Counseling Program.

Assessment

- a. An exit interview of graduating seniors will be conducted by all members of the counseling faculty in which students describe their perceptions of the strengths and weaknesses of the counseling program.
- b. At least 90% of the graduates of the counseling program will indicate on the alumni survey that they are satisfied with the counseling program and prepared for the job market

Goal 4

To provide students with skills and knowledge necessary to work effectively with a diverse client base.

Expected Outcome

Students will be able to provide effective counseling to clients from various cultural backgrounds.

Assessment

- a. All students will pass a course entitled Cross-cultural Issues.
- b. Ninety percent of the graduates of the counseling program will indicate an appreciation for cultural diversity on the alumni survey.