

Major Field Assessment Results and Use Report

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M.Ed. Counselor Education

The Counselor Education faculty instituted the following changes and/or requests as a result of ongoing assessment of the program:

1. Results on the 2002 Exit Survey revealed that only 40.9% of graduating students were *Very Satisfied* with the availability of required courses. The faculty decided to alternate classes between afternoon and evenings from one semester to the next, and to make more classes available on-line. Results of the 2003 Exit Survey showed a 14% increase in the number of students who were very satisfied with course availability.
2. Results of the 2002 Exit Survey also revealed that 50% of the respondents were *Very Satisfied* with the effectiveness of faculty as teachers. Individual faculty members were made aware of this finding, and the 2003 Exit Survey showed that the number of students who indicated *Very Satisfied* increased to 71.4% .
3. Adding more content to the Group Counseling course resulted in higher mean scores on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam.
4. In the Fall of 2004, the pass rate on the CPCE was 100%. The faculty will endeavor to continue offering quality instruction in the 8 core areas assessed by the state and national licensure exams in order to maintain this high pass rate.
5. Because students indicated in Exit Interviews that they would like better communication about programmatic issues and events, a site on Blackboard is now maintained by a faculty member who regularly posts announcements and sends e-mail to all students enrolled in counseling courses. This has been an effective way to maintain contact with all students, particularly those who are part-time commuters.
6. Data from site supervisors was analyzed, and there were no Internship students who received scores lower than Satisfactory. It is believed that early course preparation and maintaining close communication with site supervisors enables the program to send Interns into the field who are able to fulfill their duties in a satisfactory manner.