
NSU Department of Counseling Clinical Mental Health Counseling 2024-2025 Annual Report

Program Graduates

The following tables display the number of Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduates from Fall 2024 through Summer 2025 and the number of graduates from each campus/format.

Number of Graduates for the Past Academic Year

Term	Number of Graduates
Fall 2024	79
Winter 2025	41
Summer 2025	78
TOTAL	198

Number of Graduates for the Past Academic Year by Campus/Format

Campus/Format	Total Number of Graduates
Davie/Ft. Lauderdale	65
Miami	15
Orlando	9
Online	104
Tampa	15
TOTAL	198

NCMHCE Pass Rates

The Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling serves as the licensing board for mental health counselors. A passing score on the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE), administered by the National Board of Certified Counselors, is required for licensure. The following table displays the pass rates of NSU alumni on the NCMHCE and the average pass rate in Florida:

Year	NSU Alumni Pass Rate	Average Pass Rate in Florida
2015	54.42% (80)	56.60%
2016	55.09% (119)	55.56%
2017	54.97% (94)	55.25%
2018	55.19% (149)	55.18%
2019	53.17% (151)	55.63%
2020	46.32% (107)	51.65%
2021	49.33% (185)	50.02%
2022	50.00% (167)	46.50%
2023*	39.58 (76)	43.96%
2024	50.33% (151)	54.41%

* The National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) fully implemented the revised exam format

The following program efforts are ongoing to improve graduates' pass rates on Florida's licensure exam:

- 1) Faculty recorded an updated NCMHCE information video that includes sample test items and recommendations for preparation. The video is embedded in all sections of a course students typically take in their final semester of the program.
- 2) The program negotiated discounts for NSU Counseling students and alumni for exam preparation materials and services with two industry-leading providers. This information has been disseminated along with a description of the exam.
- 3) Faculty developed a new signature assignment that was embedded in the curriculum in Fall 2025. The assignment mimics the structure of the NCMHCE to prepare students for the exam content as well as type of items that will be on the licensure exam. Three additional assignments were recently developed and being piloted for a program-wide implementation to give student a total of four signature assignments across the curriculum that mimic the structure of the exam.

The National Board of Certified Counselors provides the option for students to sit for the NCMHCE while they are still in the Master's degree program. The following table displays the pass rates of NSU students on the NCMHCE and the average pass rate nationally for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025:

	NSU Results		National Results	
	Attempted	Passed	Attempted	Passed
Fall 2024	9	8	382	283
Spring 2025	8	6	348	238
Overall Pass Rate	82.35%		71.36%	

Program Completion Rate

Students are admitted into graduate study and must meet matriculation requirements to become a degree candidate in the M.S. in Counseling program. Of the students who were admitted into the M.S. program in Mental Health Counseling in 2019, 76.23% were retained through graduation. Of the students who were matriculated into the program (83.87%), 82.05% were retained through graduation.

Job Placement and Pursuit of a Doctoral Degree Rates

Alumni from the M.S. in Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling concentration were surveyed concerning job placement or pursuit of a doctoral degree. Sixty-two survey recipients responded as follows:

Graduates Employment Status (N=62)	
Working full-time in a position related to their counseling degree	72.58% (45)
Working part-time in a position related to their counseling degree	14.52% (9)
Seeking a position related to their counseling degree	6.45% (4)
Employed in a position unrelated to their counseling degree	1.62% (1)
Other	4.84% (3)
Enrolled in additional educational program	0.00% (0)