Counseling Comprehensive Exam
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- Required for all MA counseling students (except for the 30-hour Human Services degree program, MAAC and School Counseling)
- Graduation requirement
Prerequisites

• COUN/CMHC 500 (Required only for students on 2013-2014 DCPs and later)

• COUN/CMHC 501, 502, 504, 505, 506, 510, 512, 515 (previously 503), 521, 522, 667

• Hold a 3.0 GPA when students register

• Good standing in the program
Two Part Exam

• CPCE – Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam
  • Published by the CCE (Center for Credentialing Education, an affiliate of the National Board of Certified Counselors)

• Integration
  • Specific to Liberty University
CPCE – 8 Core Content Areas

- Human Growth & Development
- Social and Cultural Foundations
- Helping Relationships
- Group Work
- Career & Lifestyle Development
- Appraisal
- Research and Program Evaluation
- Professional Orientation & Ethics

- 160 Multiple-Choice Questions
- 136 Questions are Graded
- 17 Questions per Content Area
- 24 thrown out (3 per section) at random by CCE
- 4 Hour time limit
Integration

• Integration of theology and psychology.

• Based on COUN/CMHC 506

• 20 Multiple-Choice Questions

• Available on Blackboard; closed book; no proctor

• Be mindful: After 40 min the exam will submit itself
Integration Exam Policy

• If you DO NOT complete your Integration exam by the deadline:
  – You will receive a grade of "NP" (No Pass)
  – Will be counted against you as one of your three attempts.
  – Please note: beginning fall 2016, students who request to drop COUN/CMHC 671 due to not being ready to take the exam by the due date may reschedule for any future test dates in the next sub-term or later. Students may not reschedule for a test date in the same sub-term.
Electronic Testing Information

- The CCE is now moving to an electronic format for the CPCE. In the spring 2017 semester, the Department of Counselor Education and Family Studies will be offering two test dates in the electronic format (April 14th and 15th). Students testing electronically will test in the Testing Center (located in spring 2017 in the DeMoss building on Liberty's Main Campus) on a computer. Students will receive their scores immediately but will have to wait 4 weeks to have their grade posted on Blackboard.
Passing the Comp Exam

• Must pass BOTH parts

• Passing Scores
  • CPCE passing scores change depending on version and National Statistics
    • Version 100215: 70/136
    • Version 100116: 69/136
  • Integration: 14 out of 20
Retaking the Comp Exam

- Passed one part, failed one part
  - Retake only the part you did not pass
    - CPCE: pay the fee again
    - Integration no extra charge to retake

- Failed both parts
  - Retake both parts.

- Exam can only be taken once per subterm
  - (B or D term)
Maximum Number of Attempts

• Students may take the COMP EXAM no more than **3 TIMES**.

• After 2 attempts, must wait at least one full term before the final attempt and complete a CTAP form

• If unable to pass after 3 attempts, you will need to transfer into the 30-hour Human Services degree program to attain your Master’s degree.
Test Fee

- COUN/CMHC 670 (CPCE) and COUN/CMHC 671 (Integration) will show on ASIST
- $125 charge on student account for the CPCE, each time you register.
- $0 charge for the Integration
CPCE Study Tips

• No official study guide

• Any study materials developed for the NCE (National Counselor Exam)
  • [http://www.nbcc.org/Exams/Study#NCE](http://www.nbcc.org/Exams/Study#NCE) provides a list of study guides available for the NCE.
  • *Study Guide for the National Counselor Examination and CPCE* [Spiral-Bound] by Andrew A. Helwig

• Liberty’s CPCE Webpage: [http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?PID=24247](http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?PID=24247)
CPCE Additional Study Tips

- Liberty Counseling Comp Exam Facebook Study Group sponsored by the AACC (American Association of Christian Counselors) at Liberty
  https://www.facebook.com/groups/lucpceexam/

- Encyclopedia of Counseling by Howard Rosenthal
  This reference is available as an e-book through Liberty’s Library and can be downloaded for 7 days.
Integration Study Tips


Integration Study Guide – on our web page

Facebook study group:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/274610025973476/
Exam Results

• Scantron: You will be notified via email in 4 weeks
• Electronic: You will receive your score immediately but will have your grade posted to Blackboard within 4 weeks
Exam Dates

• End of **COUN/CMHC 667** Intensives scheduled throughout the year.

• One Saturday a semester.
Registering for the Exam
counselingcompexam@liberty.edu

• Email from your Liberty email account
• Your Name
• Student ID number
• Requested Test Date
• At least 2 weeks in advance
CPCE Off-Site Testing

*Does not apply to CMHC students

Send an email to counselingcompexam@liberty.edu for more information

- *It may take as long as 6 months to 1 year to secure a site*

- *It generally takes 1-3 months to set up.*

- All off-site testing must be approved by CCE Testing Coordinator, Laura Hall or Eric Daye (cpce@cce-global.org)

- Test fee is $70, and some test sites charge an additional administration fee

- **Still required to register for COUN 670 (CPCE) and COUN 671 (Integration Portion).**
ODAS
Office of Disability Academic Support

- LU Online Students: luoodas@liberty.edu
- Residential Students: wdmchane@liberty.edu
- Please allow extra time to have accommodations set up

Note: Disability accommodations are available to you for both the Integration exam as well as the CPCE exam when you take them on campus. You will need to email LUOODAS@liberty.edu to arrange the needed accommodations. However, whenever you choose to take the CPCE at an offsite location, Liberty University cannot guarantee that any offsite testing location would be able to provide accommodations. Therefore, you will need to work with the offsite testing location coordinator to confirm their disability accommodations.
Comp Exam Web Page

- www.liberty.edu
  - Type “Graduate Counseling” in the search engine
  - Click on the first link
  - Click on “Comprehensive Exam” under Masters Program on the left tab bar.

- Liberty’s CPCE Webpage: http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?PID=24247