

Comp Exam FAQ

CPCE:

Please email counselingCOMPexam@liberty.edu with all CPCE and Integration Exam questions.

- What is the difference between the CPCE and the NCE/NCMHCE?
 - The CPCE and the integration exam are the comprehensive exams that are required within the Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Marriage and Family Counseling, or Marriage and Family Therapy degree programs. Students must pass both comprehensive exams to confer their degree. The NCE/NCMHCE is optional for students, but is an exam needed in most states for licensure.
- Do I need to take the CPCE before I can take the NCE, or vice versa?
 - No, the CPCE and NCE are completely separate exams and can be taken at the same time or one before the other.
- Do I need to have completed my practicum and/or internships before taking the comprehensive exams?
 - No, the prerequisite courses can be found on this COMP webpage under *Exam Prerequisites*, and COUC 698, COUC 693, and COUC 694 are not prerequisites.
- When should I take the comprehensive exams in my graduate degree?
 - Although circumstances differ from student to student, we recommend students take the comprehensive exams as soon as they feel ready and their prerequisites are met. We recommend taking the exams before the last year of one's studies, to give oneself more flexibility.
- What version of the CPCE did I take?
 - This is kept confidential during the month of exam by the CCE. Our office is not notified of what version students are given until we receive the official score report mid to late the month following the date of the exam. We are unable to see what version was given until that point when we email students their official results.
- Why do I see an "I" where my CEFS 670 grade should be?
 - Since we do not receive the official CPCE scores until mid to late the month following when students took the exam, we place the "I", indicating an incomplete grade, on CEFS 670 until we receive the official scores and post students' final grade.
- When can I expect to receive my CPCE score?
 - Our office receives the official CPCE score from the CCE mid to late of the month following when students took the exam. This means if a student takes their CPCE on July 1st, we will not receive their official results until mid to late August.
- Can my CPCE score be expedited?
 - No, we are not able to speed up or expedite official CPCE scores.

Integration Exam:

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- Do I need to take all three of the integration exam versions?
 - No, students only need to take the integration exam version that correlates to when they took COUC 506. This information can be found on the webpage under *Parts of Exam*.
- Do I need to set a date and time for my integration exam?
 - No, the integration exam is taken on Canvas through CEFS 671 at the student's convenience during the term the student is registered.

NCE/NCMHCE:

Please email NCEregistration@liberty.edu with all NCE/NCMHCE questions

- I was previously nominated to take the NCE, but it has been a while. Do I need to be renominated?
 - Student's nomination is valid for 2 years. Therefore, you will need to use the link sent to you in the email by the NBCC when you were first nominated to follow the next steps to register. If you no longer have their email, you can contact the NBCC via campusinquiry@nbcc.org and ask them to send you the link. The registration process will be entirely through them, so please reach out to the NBCC with any questions you may have throughout the process.
 - If it has been significantly more than 2 years, then reach out to NCEregistration@liberty.edu to be renominated.
- I received nomination for the NCE in one state, but now I live in another state. Do I need to be renominated?
 - No, one's nomination is not state specific.
- I am struggling to create an account through the NBCC's email, can you help?
 - Since Liberty University only handles the nomination portion of the NCE/NCMHCE process, we, unfortunately, cannot be of assistance in this matter. Please reach out to the NBCC for guidance and/or review their FAQ page as it has much helpful information.
 - NBCC Contact information: <https://www.nbcc.org/about/contact> Phone: 336-547-0607 Hours: M - F: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
 - NBCC FAQs: <https://www.nbcc.org/resources/applicants/faq>
- Do I need to apply for the NCC credential if I am trying to take the NCE as a student?

- Yes, to take the NCE as a student it must be done through the NCC credential. The student application process and NCC credential benefits can be explored through the following NBCC links.
- NBCC Student Application Process: <https://www.nbcc.org/resources/applicants/students>
- NCC Credential benefits: <https://www.nbcc.org/resources/nccs/benefits>