## Fort Hays State University

**Counseling Programs – Department of Advanced Education Programs Vital Statistics Report 2023-2024**

Each year, the counseling programs provide vital statistics to inform all interested parties and prospective students of the changes and progress made in the school counseling and clinical mental health counseling programs. The statistics inform student progress and outcome while achieving an MS Degree in counseling from Fort Hays State University (FHSU). The following information is from the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

## School Counseling Program

This past academic year, there were 41 graduates of the FHSU MS in School Counseling Program. To obtain initial licensure, our graduates complete the Praxis II: Professional School Counselor. Licensure examination data is not openly available to the FHSU faculty; therefore, we rely on reporting from our graduate survey and estimates from advisors. This past year, the estimated pass rate was 100% for our graduates taking the Praxis II. Of all the graduates actively seeking employment, there was a 100% job placement rate.

Currently, there are 137 students enrolled in the School Counseling program for the Fall 2024. The School Counseling program received 86 applications last academic year. Ninety-nine percent of students graduated within the expected time period of three years for full time students. Course offerings and enrollment requirements accommodate both part-time and full-time students.

## Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program

This past year, there were 13 graduates of the FHSU MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program. Graduates complete the National Counselor Examination (NCE) for LPC licensure. Licensure examination data is not openly available to the FHSU faculty; therefore, we rely on reporting from our graduate survey and estimates from advisors. This past year, the estimated pass rate was 100% for our graduates taking the NCE. Of all the graduates actively seeking employment, there was a 100% job placement rate.

Currently, there are 83 students enrolled in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program for Fall 2024. The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program received 76 applications last academic year. Ninety-six percent of the students graduated within the expected time period of three years for full-time students. Course offerings and enrollment requirements accommodate both part-time and full-time students.

# SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

## Applicant Statistics

Statistic 2023-2024

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| Number of Students Enrolled\* | 137 |
| Average Class size |  |
| Content Class | 8.91 |
| Practicum | 10 |
| Internship | 10.38 |
| Number of Graduates | 41 |
| Completion Rate\*\* | 99% |
| CPCE Pass Rate | 100% |
| Licensure Pass Rate\*\*\* | 100% |
| Job Placement Rate\*\*\* | 100% |

\*Students enrolled for Fall 2024.

 \*\*Completion rate is based on reports from Workday, FHSU’s student information system software. We rely on enrollment reports and estimates from advisors.

\*\*\*Numbers represent the number of graduates who responded to the graduate survey and estimates from advisors. The numbers for job placement rate and NCE pass rate do not reflect the entire graduates of the program.

# CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM

## Current Statistics

Statistic 2023-2024

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| --- | --- |
| Number of Students Enrolled\* | 83 |
| Average Class size |  |
| Content Class | 8.91 |
| Practicum | 9 |
| Internship | 7 |
| Number of Graduates | 13 |
| Completion Rate\*\* | 96% |
| CPCE Pass Rate | 100% |
| Licensure Pass Rate\*\*\* | 100% |
| Job Placement Rate\*\*\* | 100% |

\*Students enrolled for Fall 2024.

 \*\*Completion rate is based on reports from Workday, FHSU’s student information system software. We rely on enrollment reports and estimates from advisors.

\*\*\*Numbers represent the number of graduates who responded to the graduate survey and estimates from advisors. The numbers for job placement rate and NCE pass rate do not reflect the entire graduates of the program.

## Applicant Statistics SCHOOL COUNSELING

Statistic 2023-2024

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| Applicants | 86 |
| Accepted | 51 |
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# CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Statistic 2023-2024

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| --- | --- |
| Applicants | 76 |
| Accepted | 39 |
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Aptitude for graduate level education is assessed in the applicant interview, undergraduate GPA, letters of recommendation and personal goal statement.

## Summary of Findings

The counseling programs continue to pursue meeting the demand for counselors in the state of Kansas. The Counseling Programs recently hired two new faculty member to maintain compliance with the core to adjunct ratio while providing more classes for students to effectively navigate the programs in a timely manner. The counseling programs met the CACREP FTE requirements. The student to faculty ratio for academic year 2023 – 2024 was 10.77:1. The core faculty taught more than 51% of the course offerings.

Both the School Counseling and the CMHC programs continue to grow in enrollment, partly to meet the demands of Kansas Schools and prevalence of alternative licensure pathways. The programs receive many applications each year, and the number of qualified candidates continues to be high as well. Applicants to the programs are majority White and female.

Reported licensure pass rates are 100% and the job acceptance rates are 100% for those seeking employment. For those seeking doctoral admission, the reported acceptance rate was 100%. The state of Kansas continues to desire counselors. The Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) has indicated a goal to hire on average 150 school counselors each year through 2024 so they can achieve a 250:1 counselor to student ratio across public schools.