

## MA EXIT EXAM: CPCE

All students in the MA in Counseling degree programs will be required to take and pass the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) in order to graduate. The CPCE is developed and maintained by the Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE), which is an affiliate of the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC).

The CPCE covers the eight CACREP (Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs) common-core areas that represent the foundational knowledge required of all entry-level counselor education graduates: Counseling & Helping Relationships, Research & Program Evaluation, Assessment & Testing, Career Development, Human Growth & Development, Group Counseling & Group Work, Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice, and Social & Cultural Diversity.

Students are required to have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours of coursework, including achieving passing grades in the following classes related to the eight major areas of counseling in order to register for the CPCE:

COUN 500	Orientation to the Counseling Profession
COUN 517	Research and Statistics
COUN 532	Assessment Techniques in Counseling
COUN 536	Career and Lifestyle Development
COUN 540	Human Growth and Development
COUN 554	Group Counseling
COUN 561	Ethics of Counseling
COUN 570	Multicultural Counseling

The CPCE is administered in a computerized format utilizing three different modalities:

1. CPCE-APB: The “Anywhere Proctored Browser” format of the CPCE is proctored in the computer lab on campus at Regent University. This exam is given twice a year on campus, once each in the fall and spring semesters. An e-mail will be sent to the all-student listserv when registration for this administration of the exam is open. The fee for the CPCE-APB modality is \$75.00.
2. CPCE-CBT: The “Computer Based Testing” format of the CPCE is administered at Pearson VUE Testing Centers. Students who wish to schedule this version of the exam will notify the Field Placement Liaison (FPL) via e-mail when ready to schedule the exam and, in that e-mail, let the FPL know if they will require any accommodations to take the exam. Details of the accommodation are not needed, just if required. Students will be able to set up a date and time that works best for both them and the testing center. The fee for the CPCE-CBT modality is \$150.00.
3. CPCE-OnVue: The “OnVue” format of the CPCE is proctored and administered by Pearson VUE in a secure online environment from the student’s home or office. Students who wish to take the CPCE utilizing this format should be aware that it is an online proctored exam that is strictly controlled. Students must be focused only on the CPCE during their testing appointments and must follow very strict guidelines in taking this exam, those guidelines will be provided before registration. Students should notify the FPL via e-mail when ready to schedule this exam. However, please know that due to a variety of technical and physical limitations related to internet-based test administrations, CCE is unable to provide special examination

accommodations through the Pearson VUE online test delivery and proctoring service for the CPCE. The fee for the CPCE-OnVue is \$150.00.

All fees will be paid directly to Pearson VUE when setting up an account, no money will be remitted to Regent University for taking this exam. Benefits received as a student at Regent University, such as financial aid or VA tuition assistance, do **NOT** automatically pay this fee. Students must pay using their own debit or credit card.

Students will receive an unofficial score report immediately upon completion of the CPCE if taking via the APB or CBT modality. If, for any reason, this score report does not print (OR if the exam was taking via the OnVue modality), students can log into their Pearson VUE account within 24 hours to view this score report. However, this report will not indicate if it is a passing score. Please allow up to 6 weeks from the date of the exam, and the official score report will be sent to the student's Regent e-mail account by the Field Placement Liaison.

The passing score for the CPCE is determined by national statistics and varies for each version of the exam. Those who fail to meet the passing score will be required to take the test again. If a student fails the exam, he or she will be required to work with his or her Faculty Mentor to establish a remediation plan. When taking the exam for a second time, students will need to either achieve a total passing score OR pass the area(s) failed on the previous exam.