Counseling Comprehensive Exam
Counseling Comprehensive Exam (Comp Exam)

- Required for all MA counseling students (except for the 30-hour Human Services degree program 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
CPCE Exam Sections & Courses

C1 - Human Growth and Development: COUN 502
C2 - Social & Cultural Foundations: COUN 504
C3 - Helping Relationships: COUN 505
C4 - Group Work: COUN 512
C5 - Career & Lifestyle Development: COUN 522
C6 - Appraisal: COUN 521
C7 - Research & Program Evaluation: COUN 515
C8 - Professional Orientation: COUN 500/501
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
Time Limit

- 4 Hours – CPCE
  - 160 questions

- 40 minutes – Integration Only
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.
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.
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

• [Facebook Icon] - 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

• You will be notified via email in 4 weeks
Exam Dates

• End of COUN/CMHC 667 Intensives scheduled throughout the year.
Fall CPCE Exams

• **B-Term**
  – September 9
  – September 16
  – October 7
  – October 21

• **D-Term**
  – November 18
  – December 3 (Saturday)

Students may register beginning on June 1
Fall Integration Exams

• **B-Term**
  – B02: Aug 29 – Sept 26
  – B05: Sep 2 – Sep 30
  – B03: Sep 23 – Oct 21
  – B04: Sep 23 – Oct 21

• **D-Term**
  – D02: Nov 4 – Dec 2
  – D03: Nov 18 – Dec 16

Students may register beginning on June 1
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.
In the event of inclement weather, the CPCE will proceed as scheduled unless the university closes. In the event of inclement weather corresponding to a Saturday CPCE please contact the Testing Center to find out whether or not the exam will proceed as scheduled.

If the university closes there will be no CPCE administered for any reason. Students will have the opportunity to reschedule the exam for any available date.

It is always the student’s responsibility to decide if they feel it is safe to travel to Lynchburg for the CPCE. A student will not be penalized for requesting to drop the CPCE or failing to show up for the CPCE due to inclement weather. They will be provided the opportunity to reschedule at a later date. The Department of Counselor Education & Family Studies in no way desires for students to put their own safety at risk in order to take the CPCE.

If you have any other questions about how the exam is handled in case of weather please contact the Testing Center at (434) 582-2408.
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
Questions?
THANK YOU