MASTERS’ DEGREE IN COUNSELING COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

As part of your Graduate degree in Counseling (School or Community/Mental Health), you need to successfully pass a Comprehensive Exam.

The Comprehensive Exam will be administered the 2nd Saturday in October, March and July at Brooks-City Base.

The Exam will begin at 8:30 sharp! It will end at 12:30 sharp!

Please be in the room by 8:15. (no scantrons)

It is strongly recommended you register NO LATER than six weeks PRIOR to the Exam date.

The Comprehensive exam is designed to be taken after successful completion of all core courses.

Core areas:

1) Normal human growth and development
2) Abnormal human behavior
3) Appraisal or assessment techniques
4) Counseling methods or techniques (individual and group)
5) Research
6) Lifestyle and career development
7) Social, cultural and family issues
8) Professional orientation
9) School Counseling (specific for those in the School Counseling track).

There will be one form of the exam that is specific to those in the School Counseling track and another form for those in the Community/Mental Health Counseling track. They contain the same questions. However, there will be additional questions for those in the School Counseling track.

The questions will be in a multiple choice format (A-D)

Below is a list of resources that will assist you in preparing for the Comprehensive exam.

In addition, you are strongly encouraged to look over past notes, power points, and articles from previous courses.


4) **Counseling methods or techniques (individual and group):**


8) **Professional orientation:**

9) **School Counseling:**
   - Texas Counseling Association. (2004). *Texas evaluation model for professional school counselors* (2nd ed.). Austin, TX: TCA.

10) **National Counselor Examination Preparation:**

**Note:** This exam is comprehensive in nature. Given that it covers all of your coursework (demonstrated by the core areas above), it is often difficult to recall every detail of every course. Thus, adjust your studying relative to (a) those courses you took early in your program, (b) those you took over the summer, or those course you found particularly challenging.

A few other suggestions…

Study in groups (helps to check each other, some students keep better notes and retain their textbooks).

Spend a bit of time EVERYDAY studying! It keeps you in shape for the exam.

Make certain you are ready for the exam…DO NOT COME UNPREPARED!!!

The difficulty of the exam is commensurate with your degree of studying and understanding of the material.

You must pass with a minimum score of 75%!

Those who do not successfully meet the minimum score will need to remediate. This may include any or all of the following:

(a) Retake portions of the exam  
(b) Retake the entire exam  
(c) Meet face to face for follow up questions.  
(d) Complete additional coursework

All of the faculty members are LPCs and/or School Counselors. We have all been exactly where you are.

On behalf of Drs. Valadez, Mudge, Cook, Mayorga, Collins, and all adjunct faculty, I wish you the best of luck….

Dr. Peters

Please contact me for any questions

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