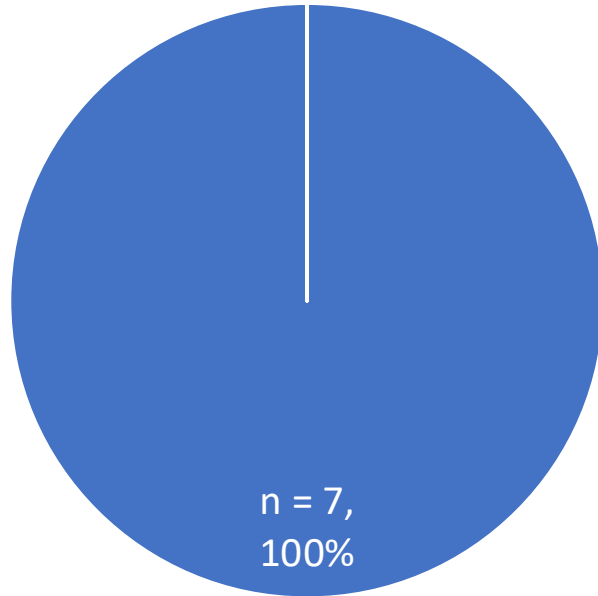


Spring 2026 Annual COU Alum Survey Results

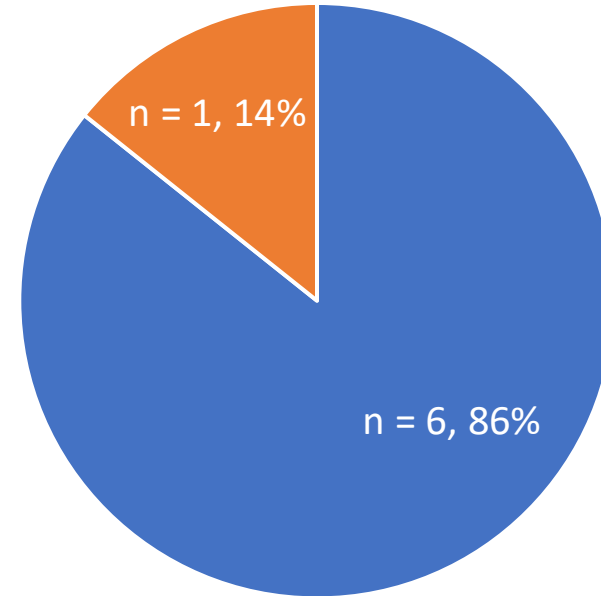
Respondent Demographics, N = 7

Race/Ethnicity



■ Caucasian/White

Gender



■ Cisgender Female

■ Gender Nonbinary

Current Employment Information, N = 8

- **Current Employer/Place of Employment:**

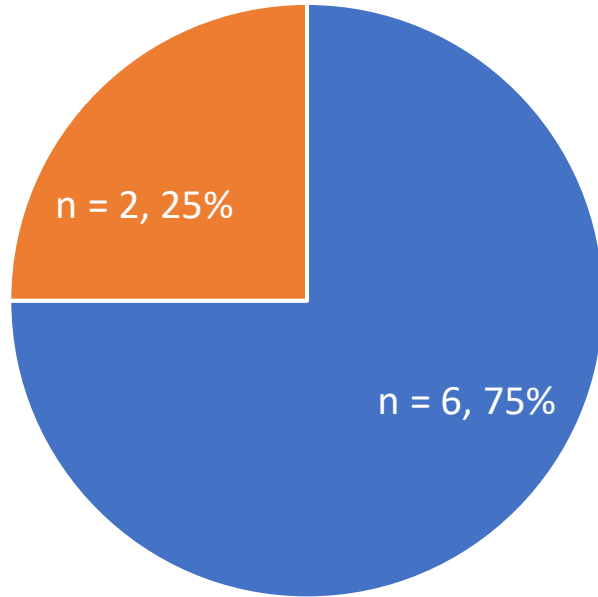
- Prevail Counseling
- Marshall University
- Paradise Valley Unified Schools
- Healing Haven Counseling
- Crossroads Counseling Services
- Shelby County Public Schools
- Frederick Douglass High School
- Quest Counseling

- **Current Position and/or Job Title:**

- LPCA (n = 2)
- Mental Health Specialist
- Tier Support Specialist
- Mental Health Counselor/Group Facilitator
- Teacher Assistant
- School Counselor/Guidance Specialist
- Therapist

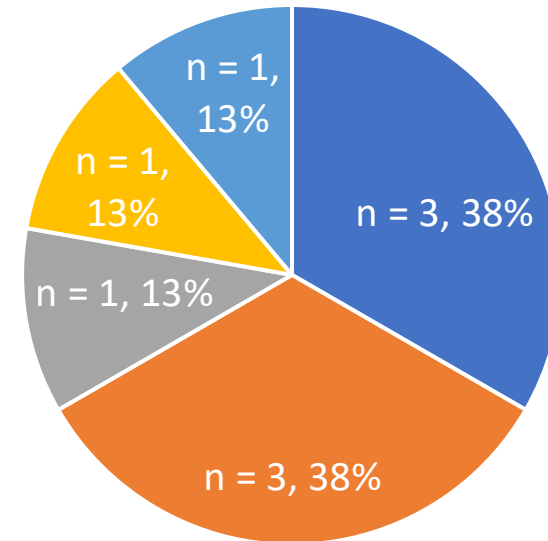
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Work Full Time or Part Time



■ Full Time ■ Part Time

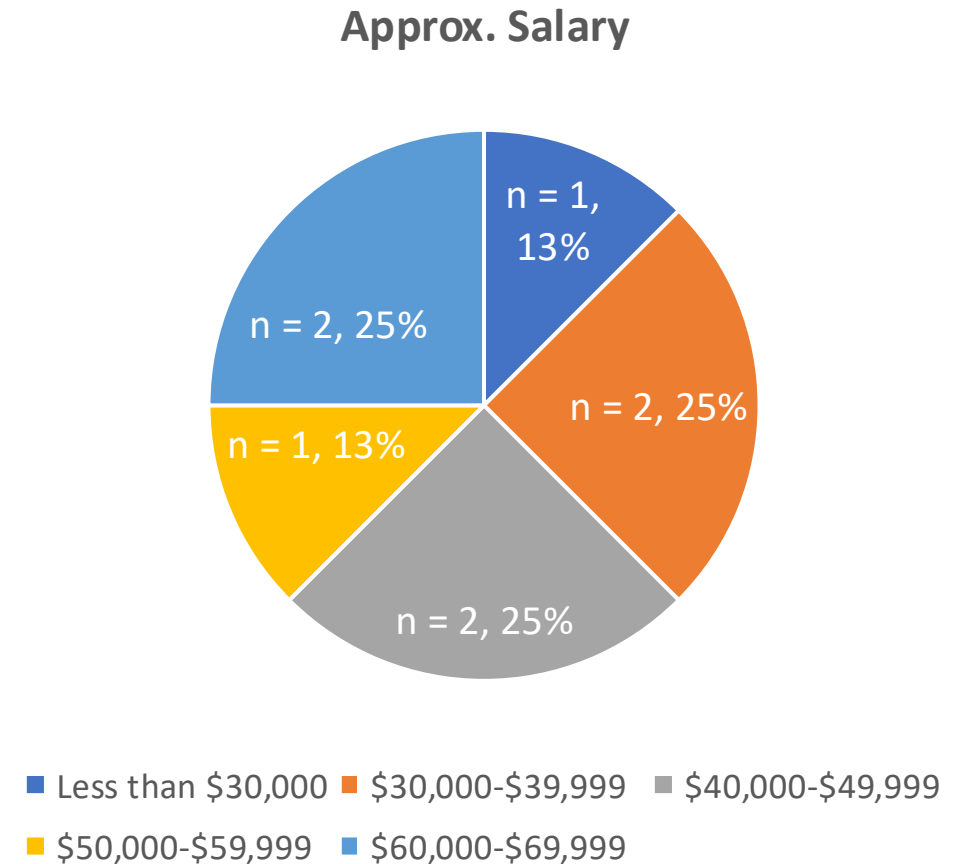
Workplace Sector



■ Public ■ Private ■ For Profit
■ Other ■ Not Applicable

Current Employment Information, N = 8

- **Approximate Current Salary Range** = Less than \$30,000 - \$69,999

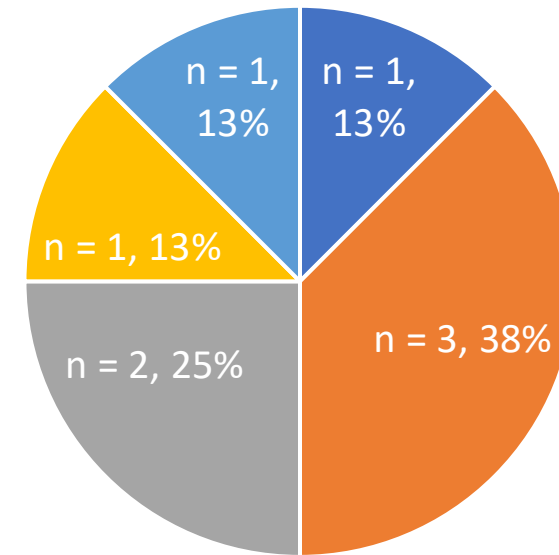


Current Employment Information, N = 8

- **Current city & state for work:**

- Lexington, KY (n = 2)
- Florence, KY
- Remote, Kentucky
- Shelbyville, KY
- Somerset, KY
- Paradise Valley, AZ
- Huntington, WV

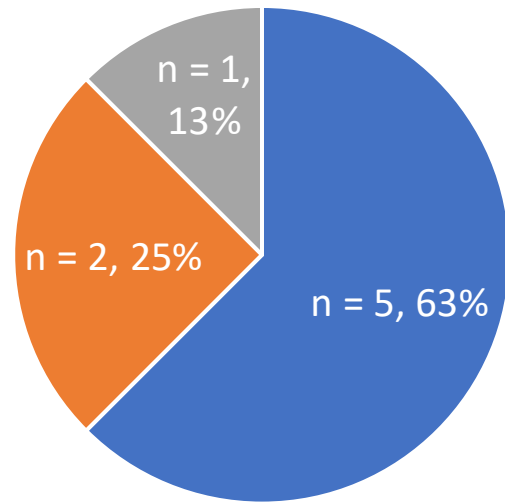
Area Served by Employer



■ Inner City/Urban ■ Suburban ■ Small Town
■ Appalachia ■ Other

Time in the Program, N = 8

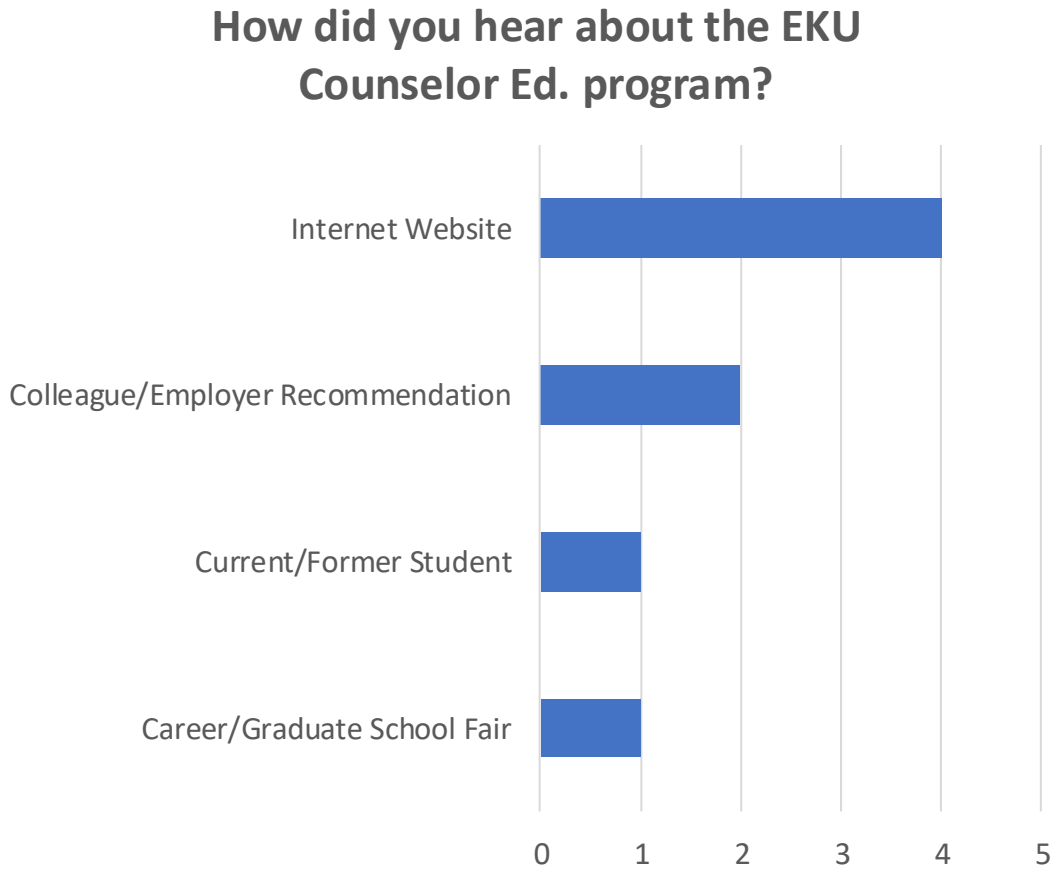
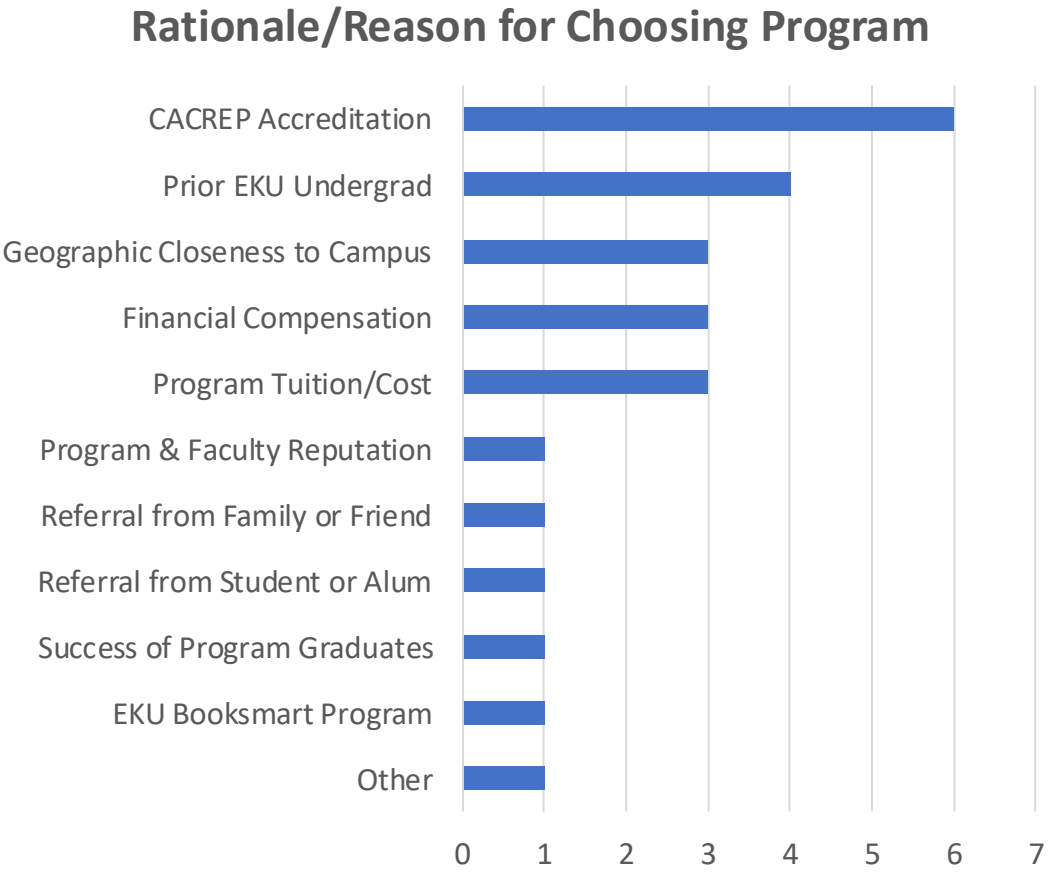
Specialty Area in ECU Program



- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- School Counseling
- Other

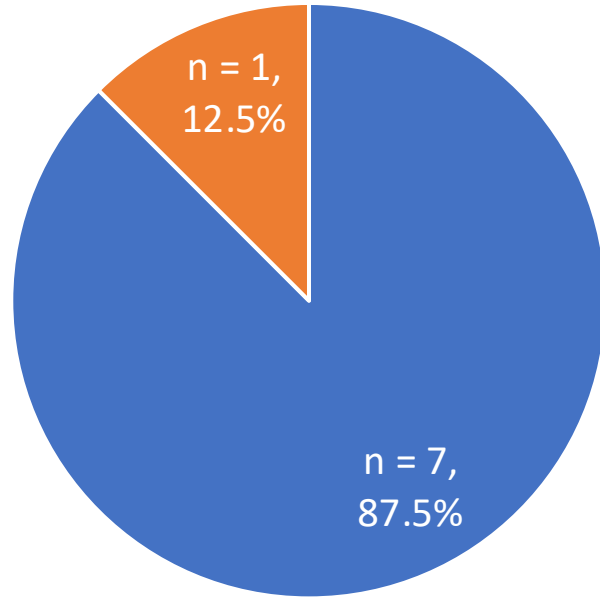
- *“Other” reported completing both programs*

Time in the Program, N = 8



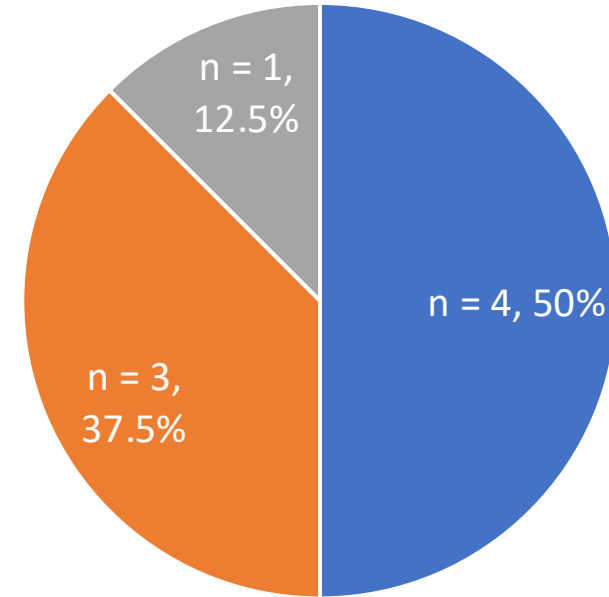
Perceptions of the Program, N = 8

I was prepared to sit for/take the CPCE



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree

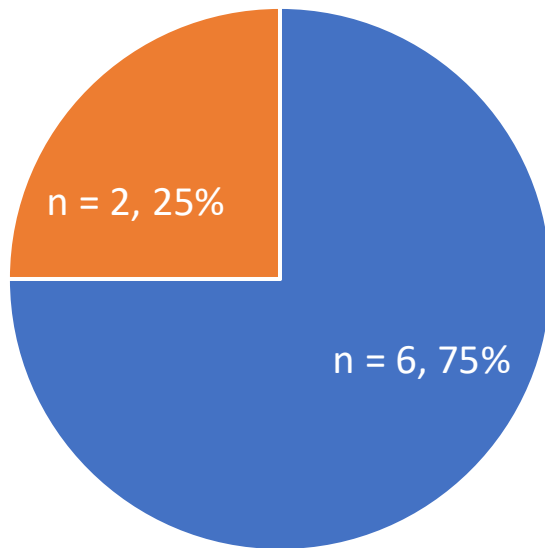
I was prepared to sit for/take the NCE



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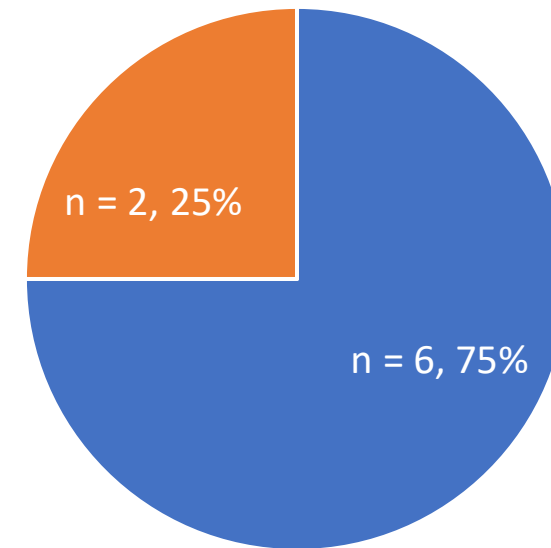
Perceptions of the Program, N = 8

I was prepared in professional orientation
& ethics



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree

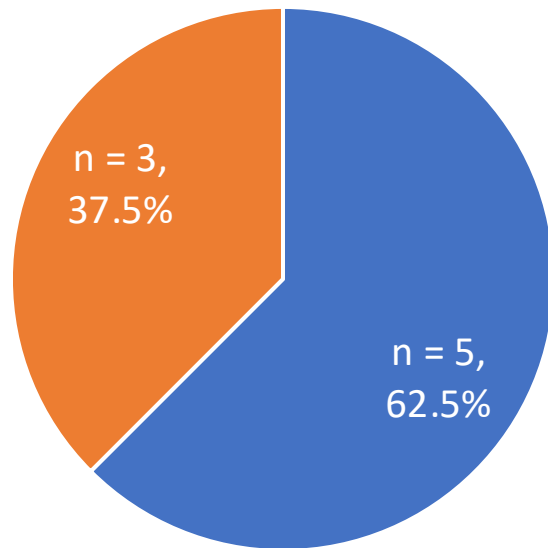
I was prepared in counseling theory &
practice



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree

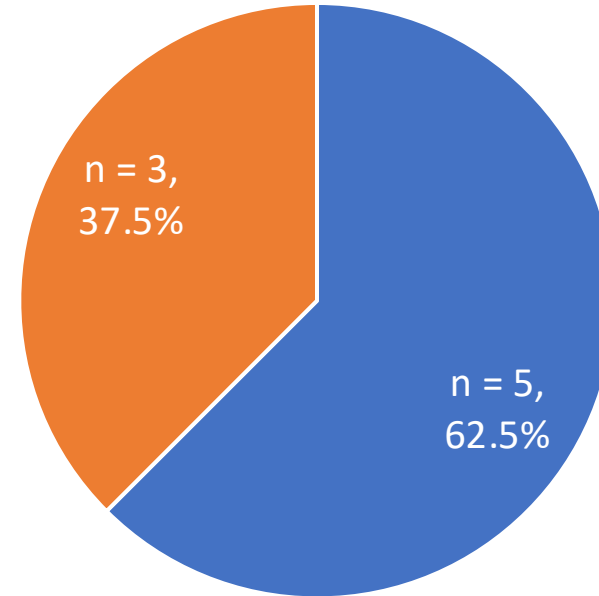
Perceptions of the Program, N = 8

I was prepared in human growth & development



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree

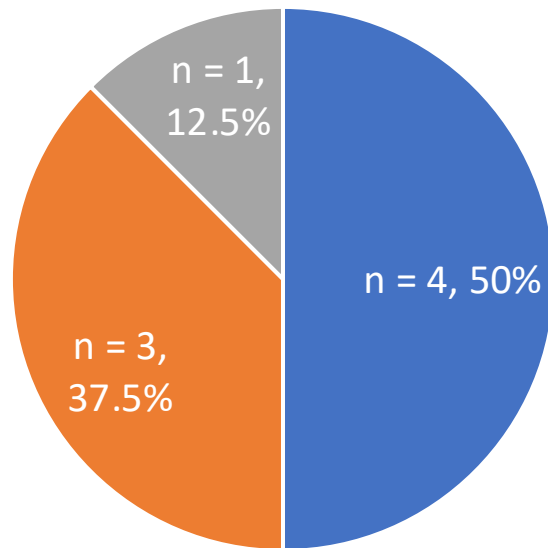
I was prepared in group counseling



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree

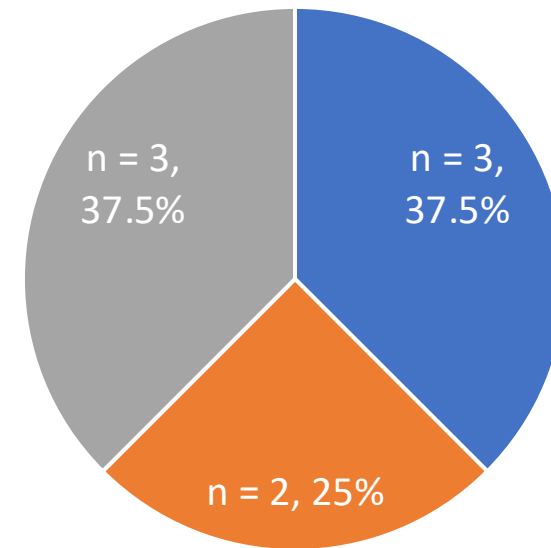
Perceptions of the Program, N = 8

I was prepared in lifestyle & career counseling



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Not Applicable

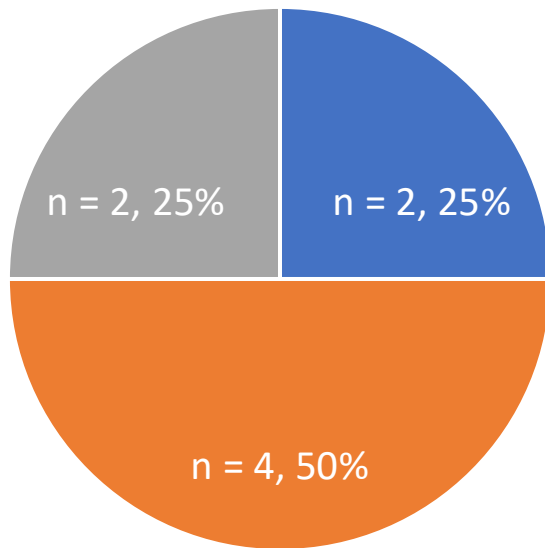
I was prepared in assessment in counseling



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Neutral

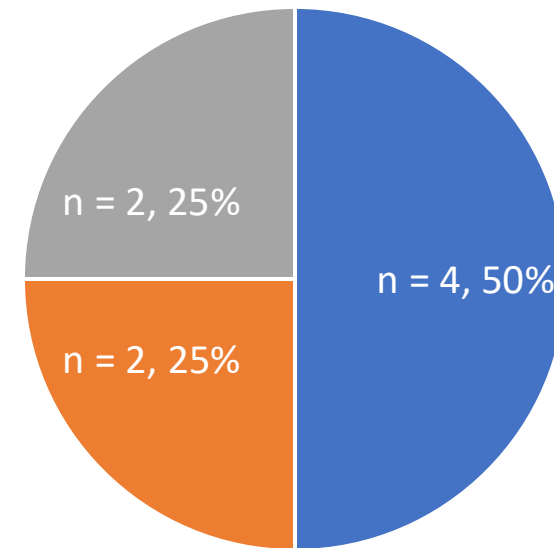
Perceptions of the Program, N = 8

I was prepared in diagnosis & treatment in counseling



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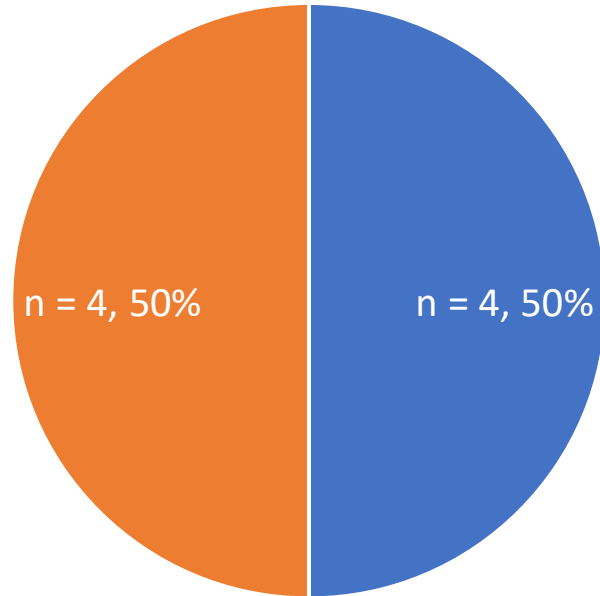
I was prepared in counseling diverse populations



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Neutral

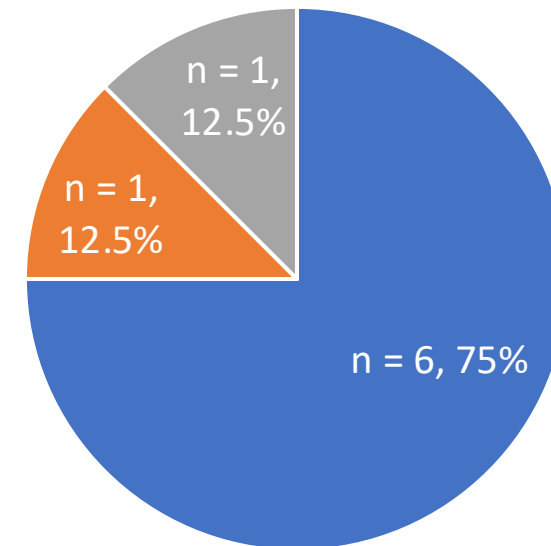
Perceptions of the Program, N = 8

I was prepared in educational research



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree

I was prepared in practicum & internship
for current practice



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Neutral

Perceptions of the Program, N = 5

- **Program Strengths:**

- Faculty & Staff

- *"The responsiveness and adaptability of staff"*
 - *"The staff are caring, accommodating, knowledgeable,*
 - *"I enjoyed that the faculty genuinely seemed to care about the success of their students. They wanted the best for us, and I appreciated that."*
 - *"The professors are amazing and really try to get us ready."*
 - *"Supportive professors who are approachable and knowledgeable about the field."*

- Program Flexibility

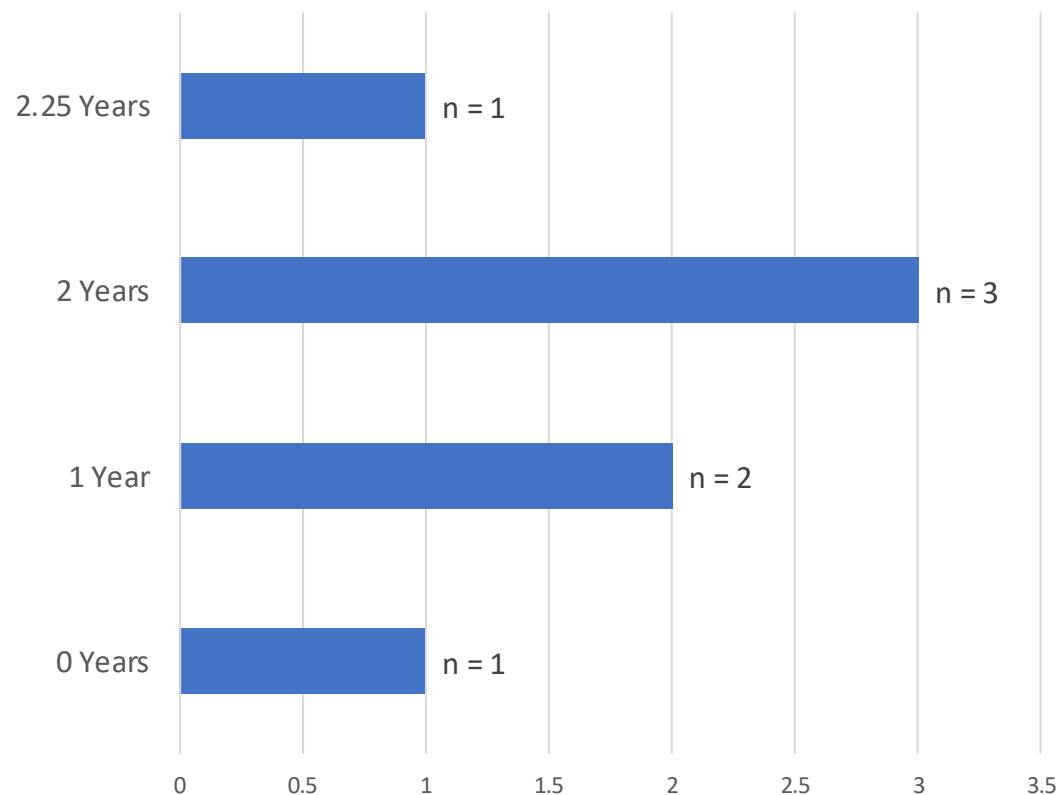
- *"...the program is flexible - this was a major reason I picked it and was able to stay."*

- **Areas to Improve Graduate Preparation:**

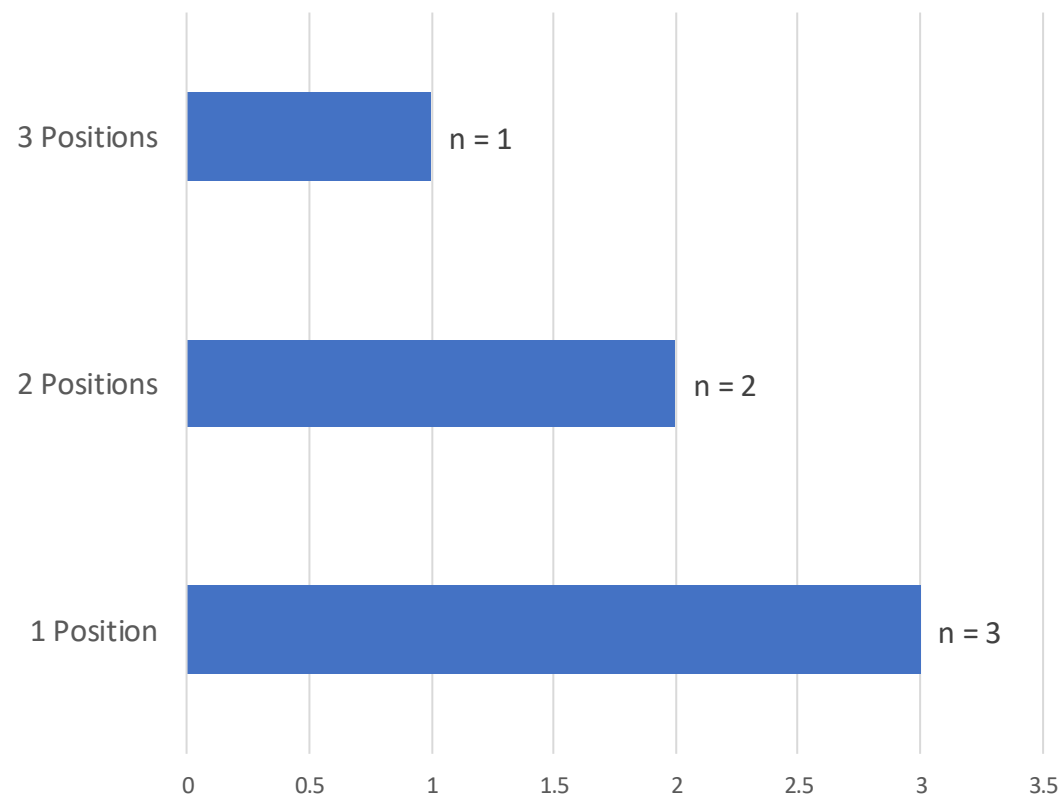
- *"Integrate therapy as a requirement for students going through the program."*
 - *"I would have liked more experiential or hands on learning related to the topics listed above. I also would have liked some of the classes to be condensed, as I didn't feel like I needed 16 weeks in classes like substance use or group counseling."*
 - *"Practice with notes/documentation."*
 - *"Make them take tests! While I was confident on content for the CPCE, I lost all test taking skills."*
 - *"Support in-person classes."*

Professional Development Post Program, N = 6/7

Years Working Since Graduation

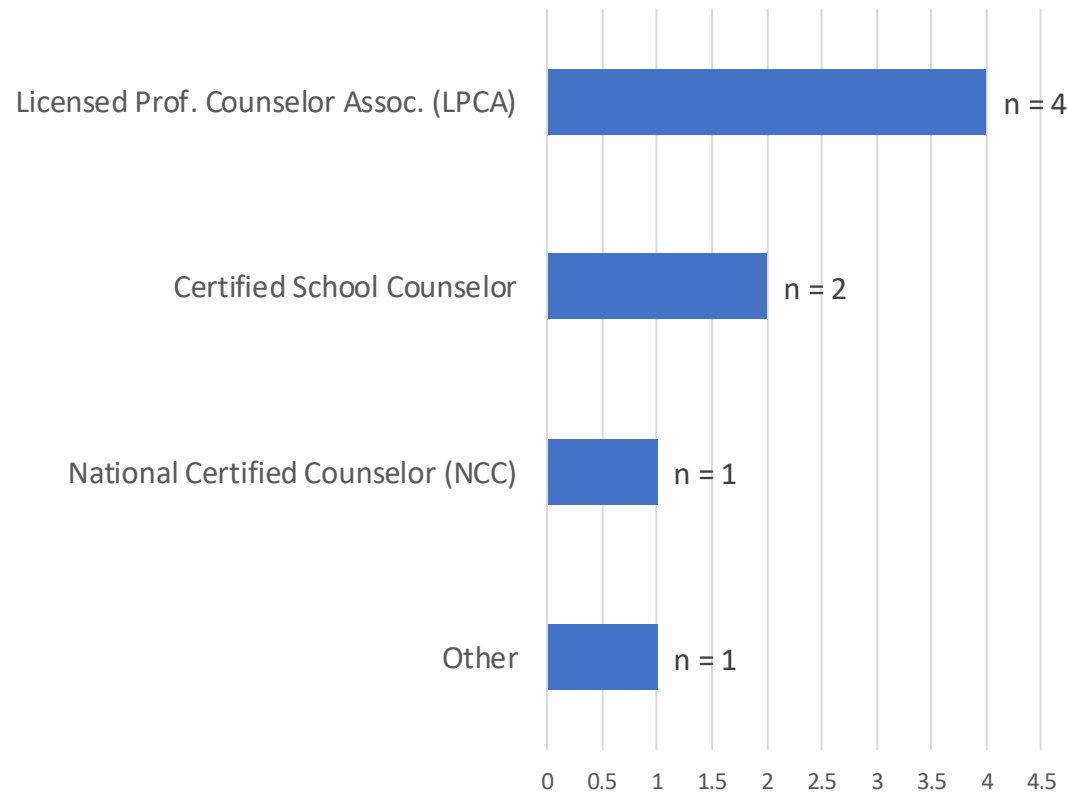


Number of Positions Held

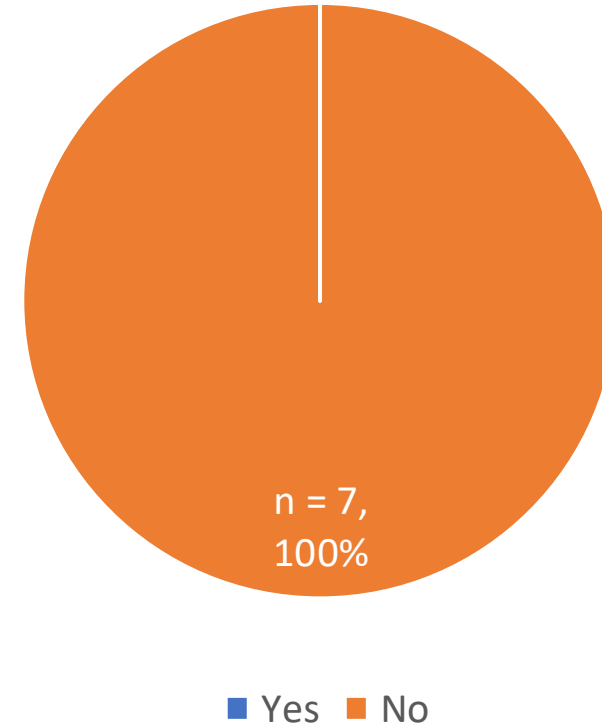


Professional Development Post Program, N = 7

Credentials Earned Since Graduation

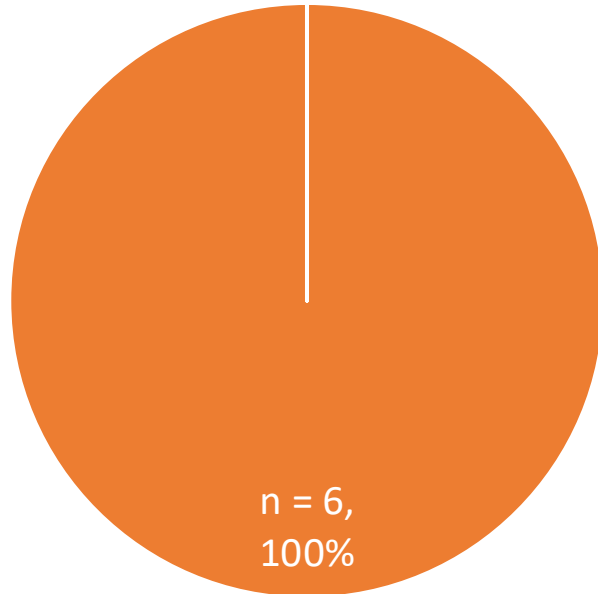


Practice as a Supervisor



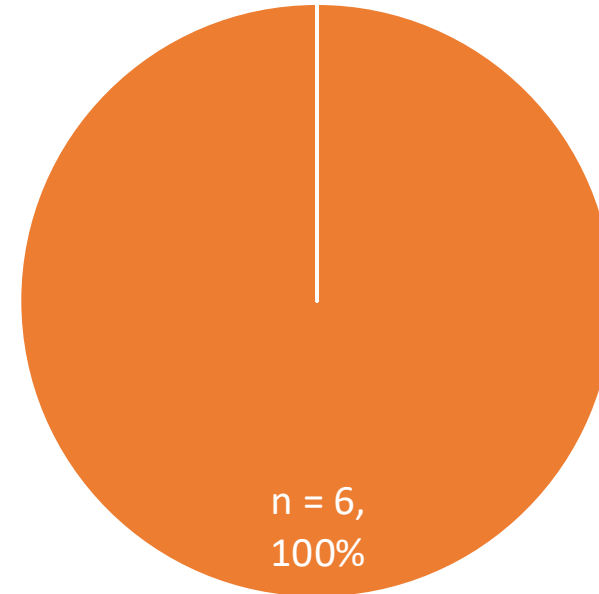
Professional Development Post Program, N = 6

Participation in Prof. Associations



■ Yes ■ No

Leadership/Office in Prof. Associations



■ Yes ■ No