

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU)

Counselor Education Program

Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE)

Summary Report

Academic Year 2025 – 2026

About the CPCE

The CPCE is a standardized exit exam used by over 400 graduate counseling preparatory programs across the U.S. to assess students' mastery of core counseling knowledge. Its content aligns with the eight areas of the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) foundational counseling curriculum. And it serves as a precursor to the National Counselor Exam (NCE) or equivalent, which is often used by state credentialing entities in part to determine eligibility for clinical licensure.

Program Pass Rates

A total of 36 students from our program sat for the CPCE between Fall 2025 and Summer 2026:

	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	School Counseling
Fall 2025	9	4
Spring 2026	13	2
Summer 2026	8	0
Total	30	6

And a total of 31 students (86.11%) from our program successfully passed the CPCE between Fall 2025 and Summer 2026:

	Clinical Mental Health Counseling		School Counseling	
	Students Who Passed	Percentage of Total	Students Who Passed	Percentage of Total
Fall 2025	9	100.00%	3	75.00%
Spring 2026	12	92.31%	1	50.00%
Summer 2026	6	75.00%	N/A	N/A
Total	27	90.00%	4	66.67%

Program vs. National Score Comparisons

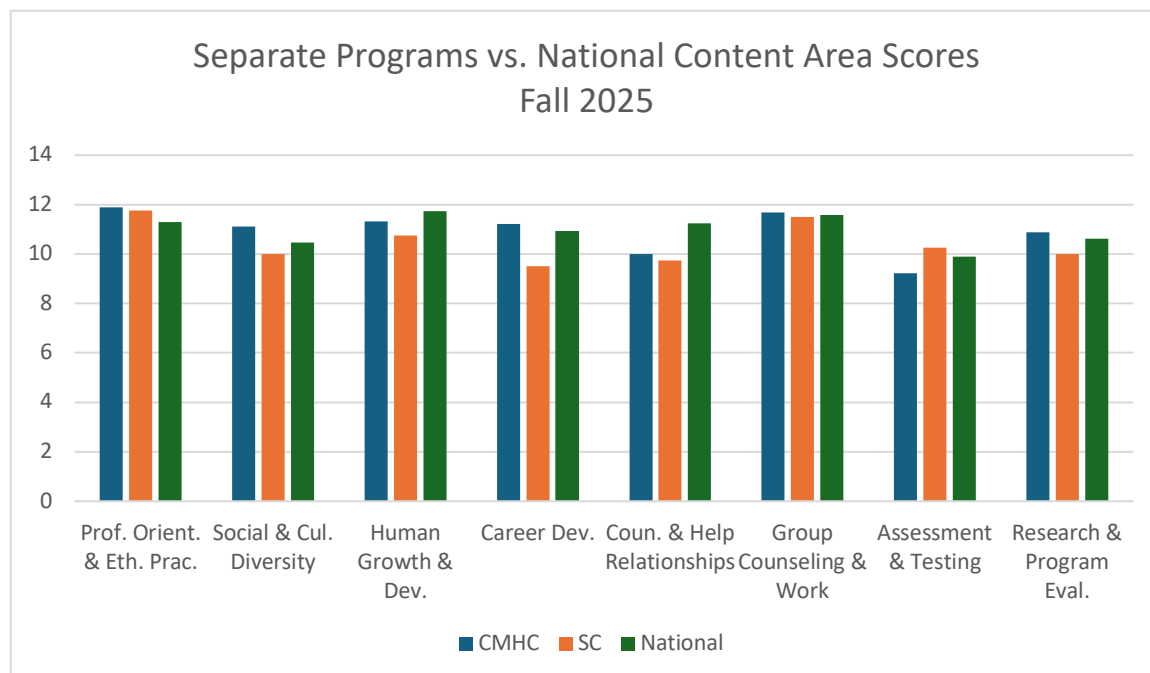
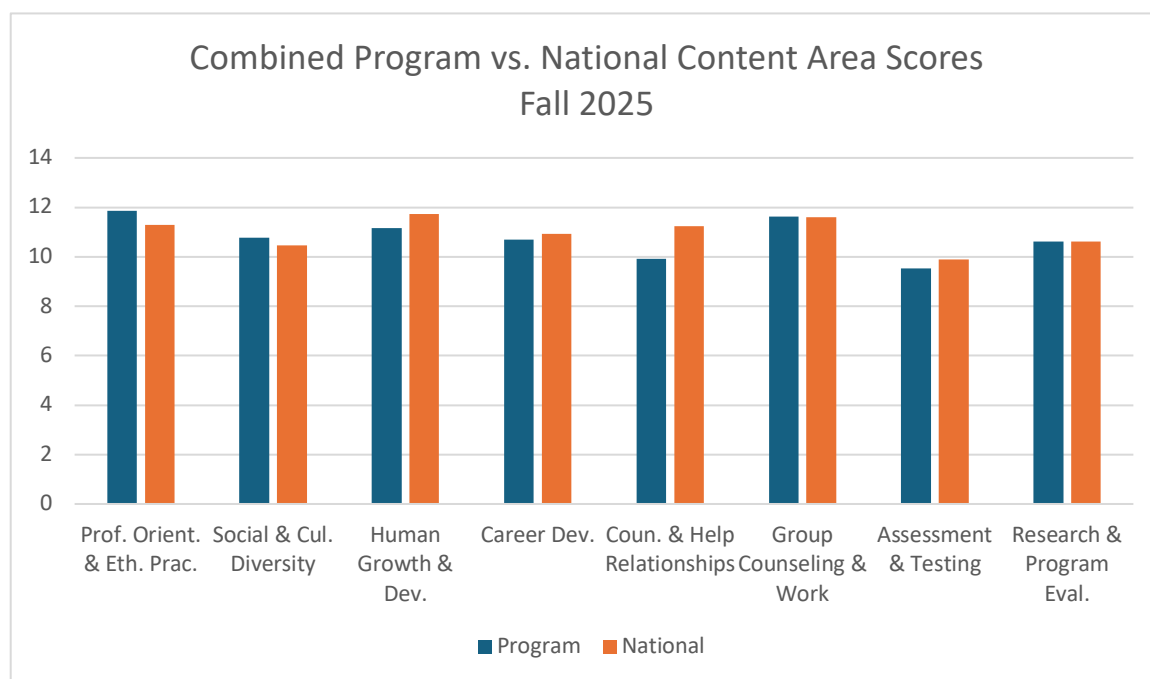
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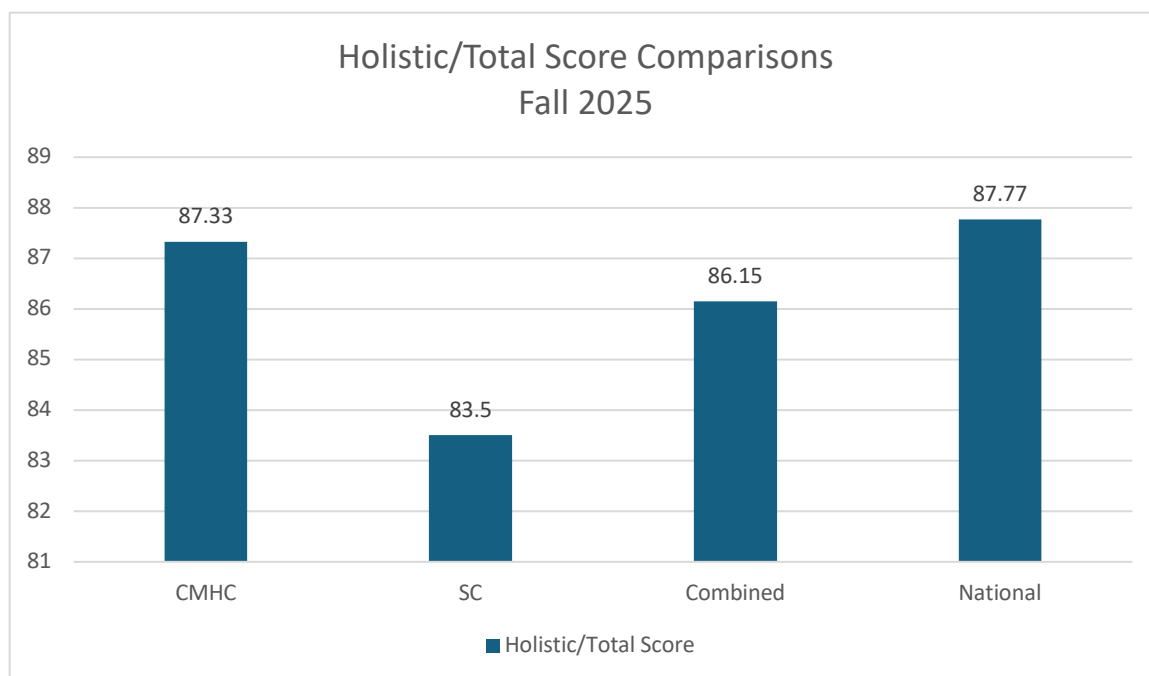
Combined Clinical Mental Health Counseling & School Counseling Scores				
Exam Content Area	Program Average Score	Program Score SD	National Average Score	National Score SD
Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice	11.85	1.86	11.29	1.96
Social & Cultural Diversity	10.77	2.17	10.46	2.44
Human Growth & Development	11.15	2.34	11.73	2.58
Career Development	10.69	2.21	10.94	2.42
Counseling & Helping Relationships	9.92	2.10	11.24	2.67
Group Counseling & Group Work	11.62	1.66	11.59	2.75
Assessment & Testing	9.54	2.26	9.90	2.77
Research & Program Evaluation	10.62	1.26	10.62	2.67
Holistic/Total Score	86.15	8.50	87.77	14.95

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Scores				
Exam Content Area	Program Average Score	Program Score SD	National Average Score	National Score SD
Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice	11.89	1.69	11.29	1.96
Social & Cultural Diversity	11.11	2.03	10.46	2.44
Human Growth & Development	11.33	2.60	11.73	2.58
Career Development	11.22	2.22	10.94	2.42
Counseling & Helping Relationships	10.00	2.40	11.24	2.67
Group Counseling & Group Work	11.67	1.41	11.59	2.75
Assessment & Testing	9.22	2.54	9.90	2.77
Research & Program Evaluation	10.89	1.17	10.62	2.67
Holistic/Total Score	87.33	8.29	87.77	14.95

School Counseling Scores				
Exam Content Area	Program Average Score	Program Score SD	National Average Score	National Score SD
Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice	11.75	2.50	11.29	1.96
Social & Cultural Diversity	10.00	2.58	10.46	2.44
Human Growth & Development	10.75	1.89	11.73	2.58
Career Development	9.50	1.91	10.94	2.42
Counseling & Helping Relationships	9.75	1.50	11.24	2.67
Group Counseling & Group Work	11.50	2.38	11.59	2.75
Assessment & Testing	10.25	1.50	9.90	2.77

Research & Program Evaluation	10.00	1.41	10.62	2.67
Holistic/Total Score	83.50	9.61	87.77	14.95



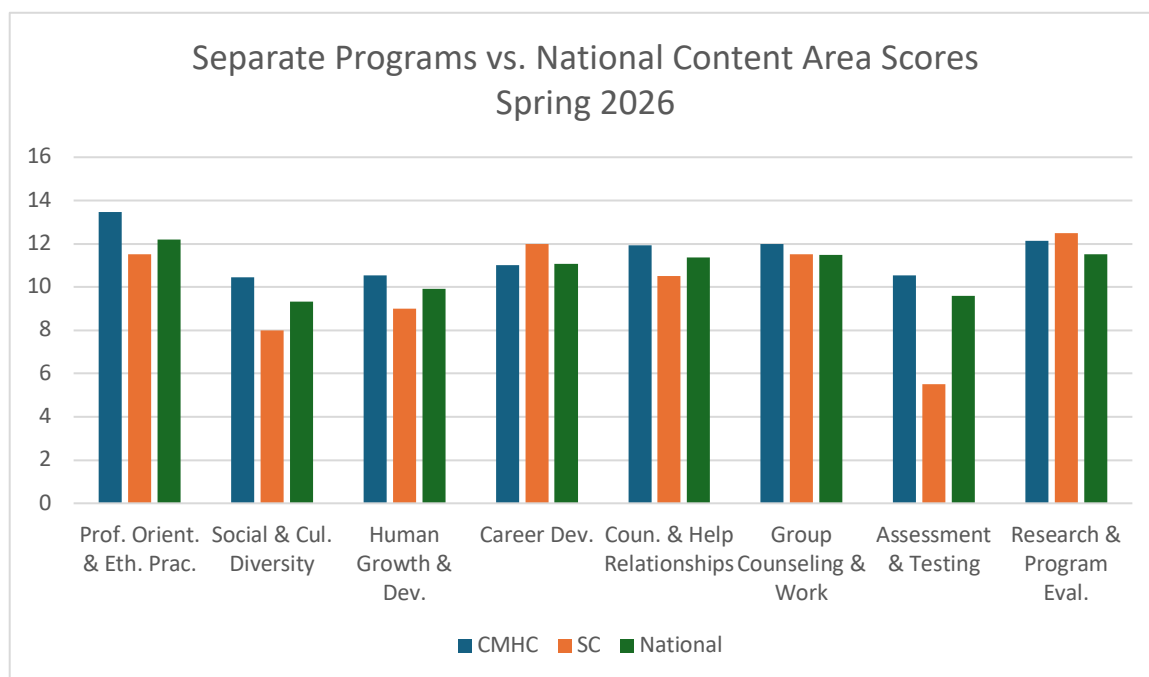
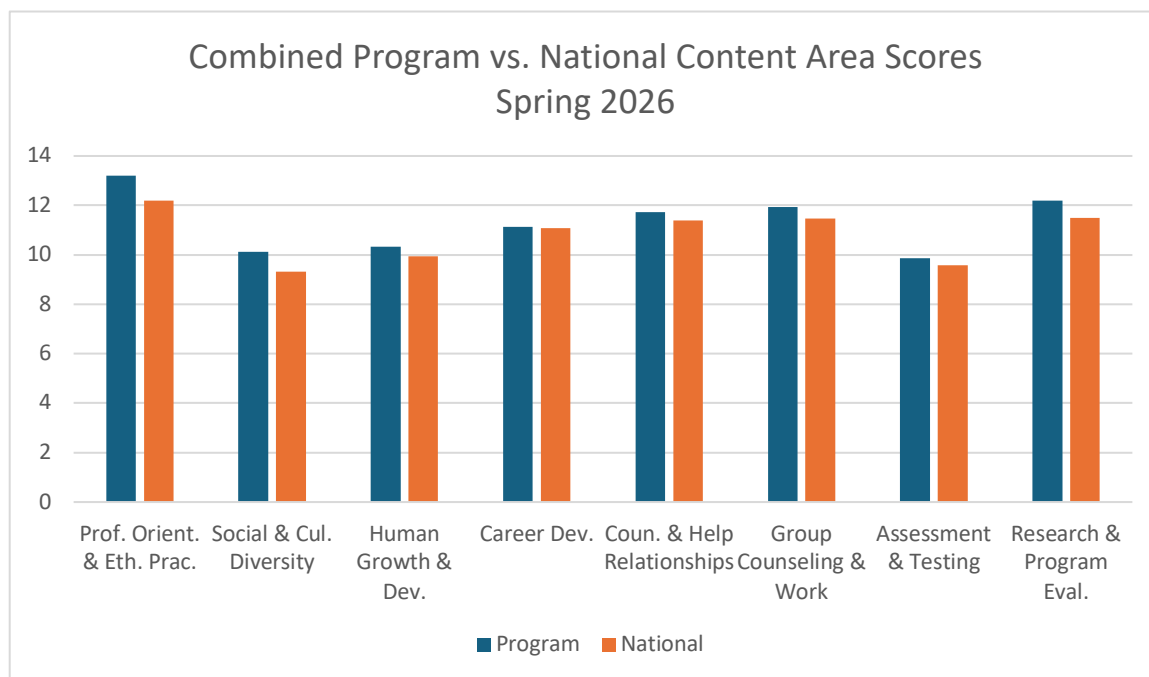


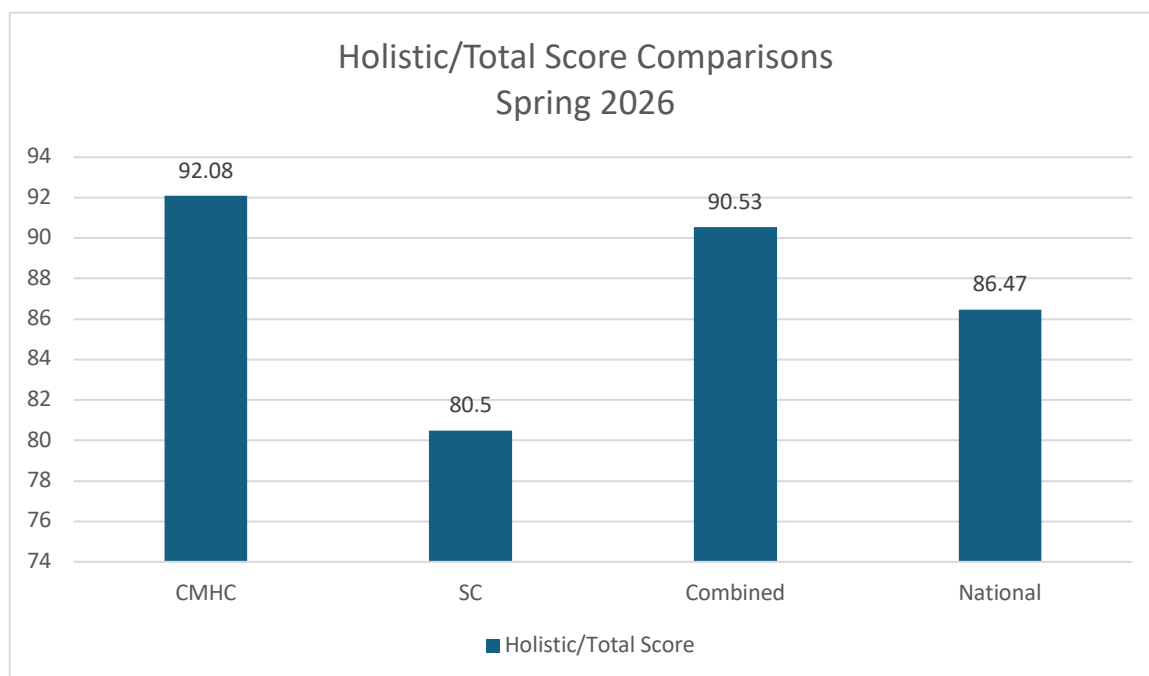
Spring 2026

Combined Clinical Mental Health Counseling & School Counseling Scores				
Exam Content Area	Program Average Score	Program Score SD	National Average Score	National Score SD
Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice	13.20	1.70	12.19	2.08
Social & Cultural Diversity	10.13	2.36	9.32	2.42
Human Growth & Development	10.33	1.68	9.93	2.31
Career Development	11.13	1.96	11.08	2.40
Counseling & Helping Relationships	11.73	2.69	11.38	2.59
Group Counseling & Group Work	11.93	2.19	11.47	2.29
Assessment & Testing	9.87	3.16	9.59	2.60
Research & Program Evaluation	12.20	2.01	11.50	2.70
Holistic/Total Score	90.53	10.95	86.47	14.15

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Scores				
Exam Content Area	Program Average Score	Program Score SD	National Average Score	National Score SD
Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice	13.46	1.33	12.19	2.08
Social & Cultural Diversity	10.46	2.22	9.32	2.42
Human Growth & Development	10.54	1.66	9.93	2.31
Career Development	11.00	2.08	11.08	2.40
Counseling & Helping Relationships	11.92	2.66	11.38	2.59
Group Counseling & Group Work	12.00	2.12	11.47	2.29
Assessment & Testing	10.54	2.82	9.59	2.60
Research & Program Evaluation	12.15	2.15	11.50	2.70
Holistic/Total Score	92.08	10.11	86.47	14.15

School Counseling Scores				
Exam Content Area	Program Average Score	Program Score SD	National Average Score	National Score SD
Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice	11.50	3.54	12.19	2.08
Social & Cultural Diversity	8.00	2.83	9.32	2.42
Human Growth & Development	9.00	1.41	9.93	2.31
Career Development	12.00	0.00	11.08	2.40
Counseling & Helping Relationships	10.50	3.54	11.38	2.59
Group Counseling & Group Work	11.50	3.54	11.47	2.29
Assessment & Testing	5.50	0.71	9.59	2.60
Research & Program Evaluation	12.50	0.71	11.50	2.70
Holistic/Total Score	80.50	14.85	86.47	14.15





Summer 2026

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Scores				
Exam Content Area	Program Average Score	Program Score SD	National Average Score	National Score SD
Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice	11.25	2.28	12.19	2.08
Social & Cultural Diversity	9.00	1.93	9.32	2.42
Human Growth & Development	10.63	2.97	9.93	2.31
Career Development	10.88	2.47	11.08	2.40
Counseling & Helping Relationships	11.13	2.42	11.38	2.59
Group Counseling & Group Work	12.25	2.43	11.47	2.29
Assessment & Testing	9.13	2.64	9.59	2.60
Research & Program Evaluation	10.00	3.25	11.50	2.70
Holistic/Total Score	84.25	17.13	86.47	14.15

