

CARSON-NEWMAN UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE STUDIES IN COUNSELING
Survey of GSC Program Graduates
2022 Summary Results

C-N Graduate Studies in Counseling faculty conducted a survey of Professional School Counseling (PSC) and Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) alumni who graduated since the last 5 years. Feedback was also requested on other areas where improvement to counselor training could be made. Charts of average ratings received from Alumni are located on pages 2-4.

100% of graduates stated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the preparation they received in the Counseling Program.

Additional Comments: Graduates surveyed provided additional comments and messages to GSC faculty. Attention to detail surroundings professionalism, objective assessment of mental health issues, and emphasis on diversity inclusion were often mentioned by graduates as skills they most appreciate receiving during their training at C-N. Graduates mentioned that they wish they had received more information on promoting college and career readiness at all grade levels and had more opportunities for research. Some of the additional comments include:

“The faculty is supportive, encouraging, and extremely knowledgeable. I enjoyed my experience in the program and I have appreciated each faculty member throughout my experience as a student and every day after as well.”

“In comparison to my colleagues, I feel more highly prepared regarding ASCA, diversity, and leadership.”

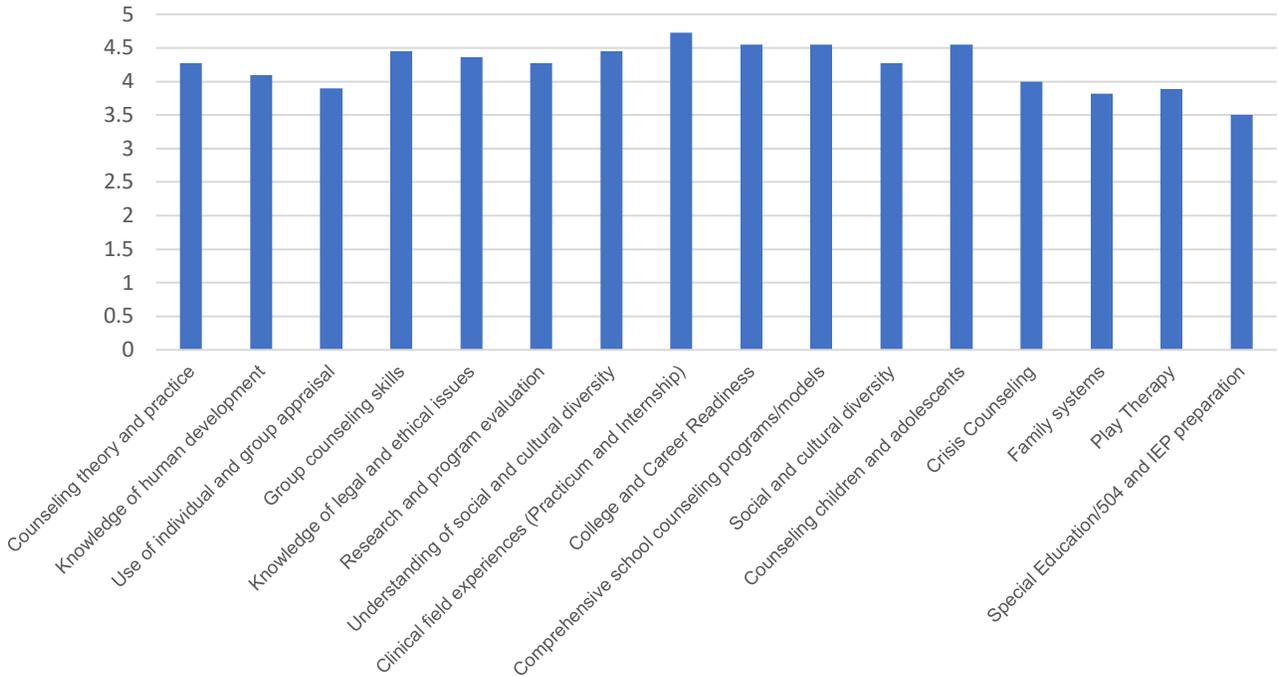
“Although my main population focus has always been children and adolescents, I feel as if this program prepared me to serve adults as well. The program pushed me out of my comfort zone and I am a confident therapist today.”

Summary: Graduates report high satisfaction with the overall counseling training they received at Carson-Newman University and are highly likely to recommend C-N to others considering a career in counseling. Specifically, they report receiving quality training in most of the counseling competencies required to be effective and successful as a professional counselor, in either an agency, community, or school setting.

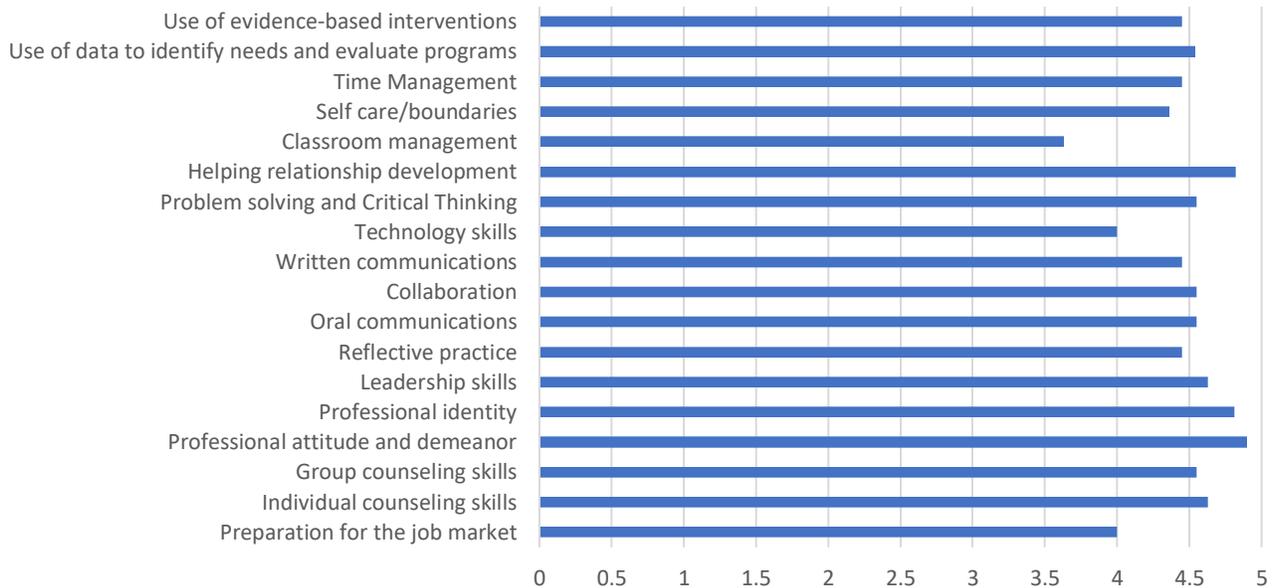
Implications: Counseling graduates offered many high ratings and positive comments to the GSC faculty. We are pleased to hear how well our graduates are performing in their respective careers. A few stated accomplishments include “I passed the NCE, NCMHCE, and Tennessee Jurisprudence exams on my first attempt. I am currently working as a therapist at an inpatient substance abuse treatment center for adults”; “In the past three years, I have been building a school counseling program from the ground up. There was no framework other than what I have learned through my program at Carson Newman”; and “We have become an AWARE district and continue to do staff trainings to become a more trauma informed school.”

Results from School Counseling Graduates

Preceived Course Preparation for Current Employment in School Counseling (1=very unprepared - 5=very prepared)



School Counseling Job Preparation in the Following Areas (1=very unprepared - 5=very prepared)

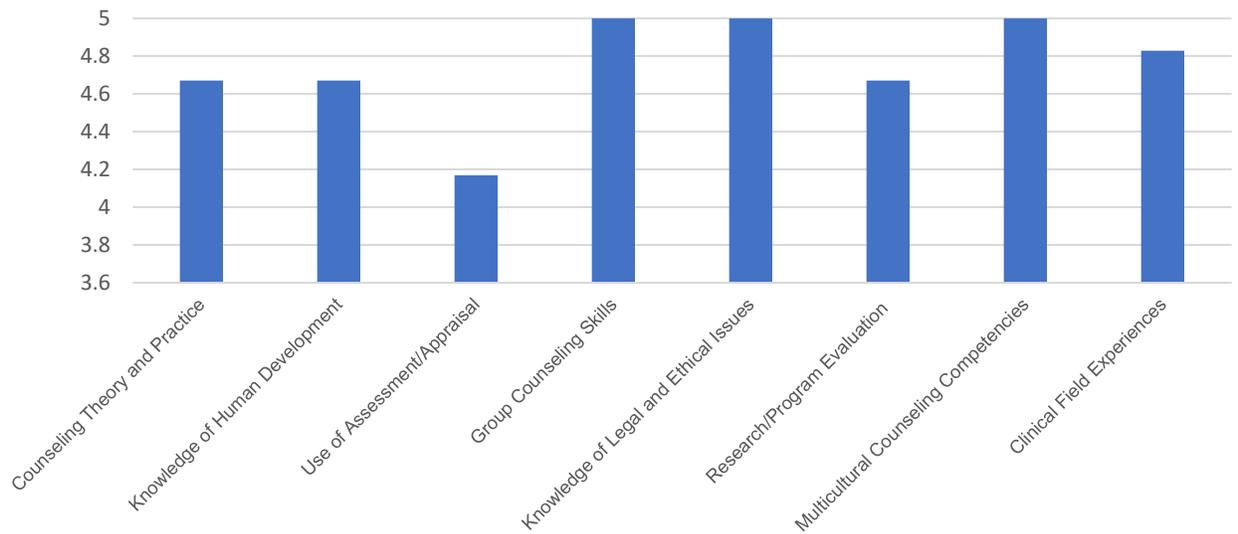


School Counseling Overall Program Satisfaction (1=very unsatisfied, 5=very satisfied)

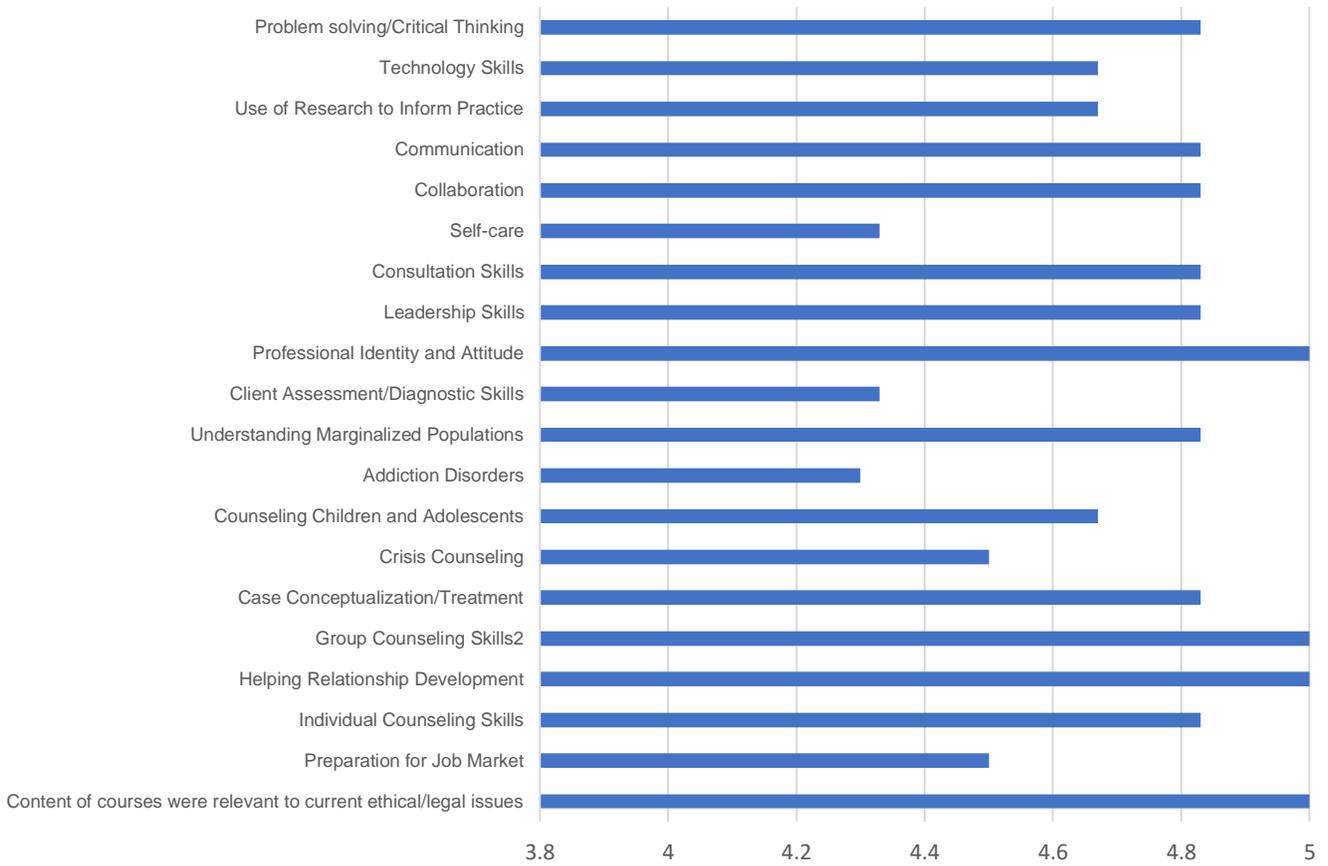


Results from Clinical Mental Health Counseling Graduates

Perceived Course Preparation for Current Employment in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (1=very unprepared - 5=very prepared)



Clinical Mental Health Counseling Job Preparation in the Following Areas (1=very unprepared - 5=very prepared)



Clinical Mental Health Counseling Overall Program Satisfaction (1=very unsatisfied, 5=very satisfied)

