

Policy Governing the Department of Counseling Qualifying Examination

Qualifying Examination

Each master's degree student in the Department of Counseling is required to pass a qualifying examination after successfully completing Human Growth and Development (COUN 593), Seminar in Social and Cultural Differences (COUN 733), Counseling and Personality Theories (COUN 834) and Introduction to Community Mental Health Counseling (COUN 831), OR School Counseling (539), OR Introduction to Rehabilitation Counseling 878.

Students must pass each section with 80% mastery. The Qualifying Examination requirement must be successfully completed by the end of 21 semester credit hours of the student's enrollment in the Graduate School. Students will not be allowed to register if this requirement is not fulfilled.

A master's degree student may be allowed three attempts to pass the qualifying examination. **1st Attempt:** Students failing one or more sections of the test will: (1) develop an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), (2) be advised, and (3) be allowed to re-take failed sections of the exam. **2nd Attempt:** Students failing one or more sections of the test will: (1) be placed on academic probation, (2) be required to revise Individualized Education Plan (IEP), (3) student must enroll in Capstone course the semester immediately following the 2nd failed attempt. **3rd Attempt:** Students failing one or more sections of the test will be counseled out of the program. **1st/2nd/3rd Attempt:** **Students who pass all sections of the test will:** Progress, and must successfully complete: Counseling Techniques (COUN 735) and Ethics and Professional Issues in Counseling (COUN 895).