



## M. A. Community Counseling Description of Comprehensive Exam

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE EXAMINATION

As part of the requirements for graduation from the Master of Arts in Community Counseling program at Argosy, the Counselor Education Department uses the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) as the M. A. Community Counseling comprehensive exam. CPCE is a nationally-normed and standardized examination, and is widely used by counselor education programs throughout the nation. The content and format of the exam is also very similar to that of the National Counselor Examination (NCE), which is the exam used by the State of Illinois for professional counselor licensure. It is a 160 item, multiple choice, knowledge-based examination, which reflects the eight core curriculum areas approved by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP). These eight core areas are also adopted as the Program Learning Outcomes by the Counselor Education Department at Argosy, Chicago campus. These eight areas are:

1. Human Growth and Development
2. Social and Cultural Foundations
3. Helping Relationships (Counseling Theory and Counseling Skills)
4. Group Work
5. Career and Lifestyle Development
6. Appraisal
7. Research and Program Evaluation
8. Professional Orientation and Ethics

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