

## **Master of Arts in Counseling Program Outcome Report 2023-24 Academic Year**

### **Program Summary**

The Master of Arts in Counseling (MACO) program at Central Baptist Theological Seminary (Central) is focused on clinical mental health counseling and is designed to prepare students to sit for licensure exams and practice as a mental health professional. All courses are delivered synchronously.

Central is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and Association of Theological Schools. Central is currently exploring options to earn Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP) accreditation for the MACO program.

### **MACO Student Profile 2023-2024**

- 32 students enrolled in at least one term during the academic year
  - Gender
    - 22 female
    - 9 male
    - 1 not reported / other
  - Age
    - 16% age 25 or under
    - 22% age 26-40
    - 40% age 41+
    - 22% not reported
  - Race/Ethnicity
    - 75% White / Caucasian
    - 13% Black / African American
    - 6% Hispanic / Latino/a
    - 3% Asian
    - 3% Multi-racial

### **Retention Rates**

Retention rates measure the percentage of newly enrolled students who return the following year. Below is a breakdown of retention rates based on the academic year the program was started.

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Number of New Students Enrolling</b>	<b>Retention Rate</b>
2020-21 (first year of program)	21 students	90%
2021-22	17 students	76%
2022-23	11 students	64%
2023-24	7 students	71%

### **Completion Rates**

Completion rates measure if students earned their degree within a certain time limit, in this case within three years. Central gives students 6 years to complete a graduate degree, but counseling students with a full-time course load complete the degree in a three-year duration on average.

<b>Academic Year Program Started</b>	<b>Number of New Students Enrolling</b>	<b>Completion Rate</b>
2020-21 (first year of program)	21 students*	33%
2021-22	17 students**	TBD
2022-23	11 students***	TBD
2023-24	7 students	TBD

*\*19% of students transferred into program with credit earned at an equivalent institution*

*\*\*18% of students transferred into program with credit earned at an equivalent institution*

*\*\*\*9% of students transferred into program with credit earned at an equivalent institution*

### **National Counselor Examination Report**

The following information comes from either the National Counselor Examination (NCE) results report or from student reporting. The national average pass rate is 60-80% and the average score is 95-105.

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Pass Rate</b>
2021-22 (first year with program graduates)	100%
2022-23	100%
2023-24	100%

### **Job Placement Rates**

The following information is reported from program alumni who respond to an annual survey or communication with program faculty.

<b>Academic Year of Graduation</b>	<b>Employment Placement Rate</b>
2021-22 (first year with program graduates)	100%
2022-23	100%
2023-24	100%