

# **H** NEW MEXICO **HIGHLANDS** UNIVERSITY<sup>®</sup>

## **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

## **PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

### **REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

July 21, 2025

## **Nationally Accredited**

### **M.A. Counseling**

- **School Counseling (Guidance) – 1968**
- **Clinical (Professional) Counseling – 1984**
- **Rehabilitation Counseling - 1997 (retired)**
- **Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling - 2013**



### **M.S. Clinical Psychology**

- **Counseling Track**

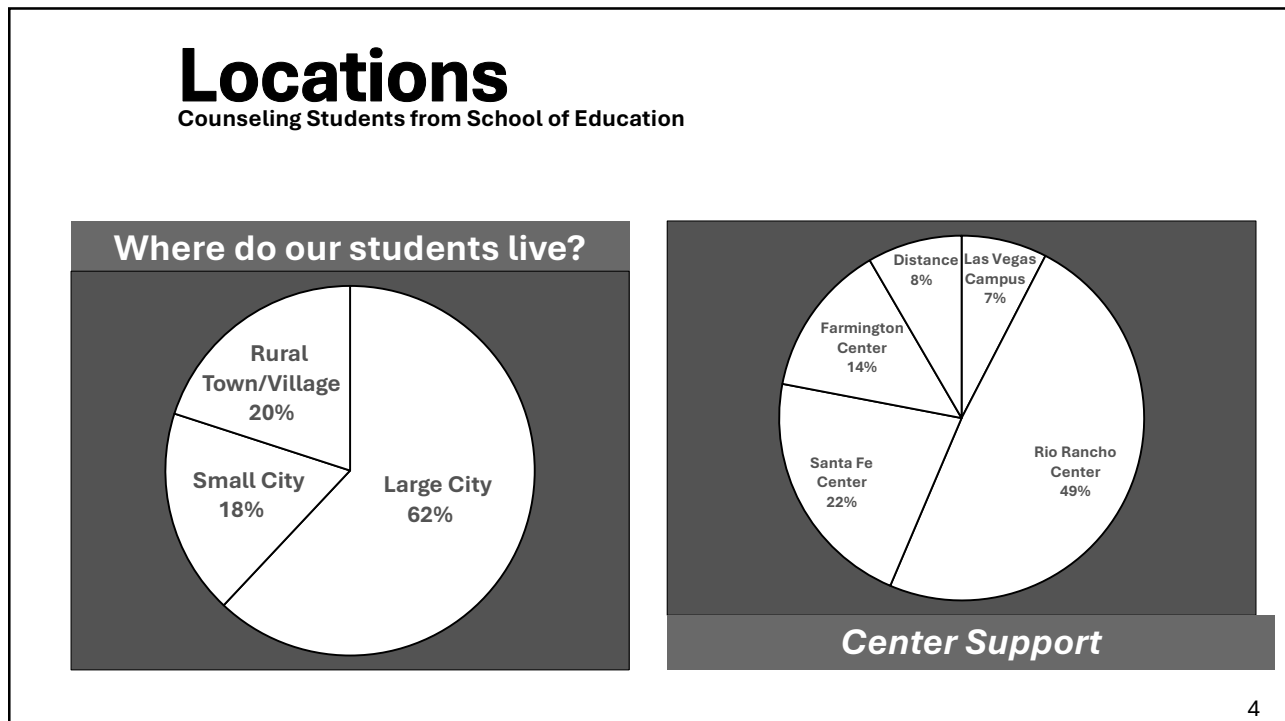


**MPCAC**

Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council



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# Demographics: 2024-2025

## Clinical Psychology - Counseling (11)

## Counseling (250)

89.9% Female	82.2% Female	
11.1% Male	16.8% Male	
	0.4% Nonbinary	
	White 45%	Native American 11%
	Hispanic 37%	Everybody else 7%
Traditional students – early twenties	Nontraditional students – mid-twenties to sixties (Avg = 34 Range 21-82)	
Traditional students attend classes on the Las Vegas Campus. Most remain in NM post graduation.	Non-traditional students are typically established in their NM communities, have families, and are working.	
Traditional students are heading into a 1 <sup>st</sup> career.	Non-traditional students are heading into a 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , or 4 <sup>th</sup> career.	

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# M.A. Counseling and Certificates

Counseling Students from School of Education

• **93% Degree-Seeking**

• **7% Certificates**

75% Clinical Mental Health

• Professional Counseling

4% Clinical Rehabilitation

• Rehabilitation Counseling

13% School Counseling

• School Counseling

1% Dual Clinical/School

• Addictions Counseling


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<b>Annual #Graduates</b>	<b>35-50</b>
The completion rate within 7 years	70%
Pass rate overall for licensure & certification	85%
Employed within one year of graduation	90%

## Statistics

Counseling Students from School of Education



## Service Through Clinical Placements

Counseling Students from School of Education

F24 & Sp25	Total Hours	Direct Service Hours
Practicum	4,728.4	1,816.85
Clinical Rehab	1,015.50	434
CMHC	13,817.92	5,474.77
Rehab	201.00	36.00
School	5,964.52	2,405.23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25,727.34</b>	<b>10,166.85</b>

# Financial Support

Counseling Students from School of Education



## The Expanding Opportunities Project

New Mexico Public Education Department—Safe & Healthy Schools Bureau

More than 25 students have benefited from the NMEOP grant with tuition assistance, stipends during field placement, and salary incentives.

### GRO Fund for Non-Credit Workforce Training

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*Fostering Student Success from Cradle to Career*

Fall 2024- Spring 2025  
31 students benefited from \$1,500-\$1,650 in stipends during their first field experience.  
66 students benefited from \$3,350-\$4,500 in stipends during their Internships.

*Thank you*

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