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6. Ability of completers to meet licensing (certification) and any additional state requirements; Title II (Advanced Level)

Two of the programs at Advanced Level that are up for review, require licensing. These are the Masters in Education in Professional Counseling Program (COUN) and the Masters in Education in School Psychology Program (SCPS). The National Counselor Examination administers the test for COUN while the Puerto Rico Psychologists Examination Board administers the test for SCPS.

The Puerto Rico Psychologists Examination Board

With the establishment of Law 96 of 1983, to regulate the Exercise of the Psychology Profession in Puerto Rico, the Examining Board, created by its provisions, has an obligation to regulate the professional practice of all professionals of psychology in Puerto Rico. According to Article 2(d) of Law 96-1983, a psychologist is any person who holds a master's or doctorate degree in psychology from a university, college, or study center licensed by the Puerto Rico Board of Education. The Law also provides in Article 3 that "No person who the Psychologists' Examining Board has not authorized may exercise the psychology profession in Puerto Rico." For the profession's exercise, it is necessary to hold a psychologist's license granted by the Board.

The test for the psychology profession's exercise aims to measure "the level of cognitive competence, aptitude, and skills to practice the profession in Puerto Rico. It evaluates the knowledge in fundamental areas of psychology, as well as the candidate's ability to integrate and apply such knowledge to the efficient, ethical and responsible exercise of the psychology profession." (Article 2(g), Law 96-1983, as amended). Pursuant to Section 7 of Law 193-2015, the examination will respond to the practice analysis of psychology conducted in Puerto Rico. It

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is a written test, in multiple-choice answer format, that covers the main aspects of general psychology. It is administered by the Puerto Rico Psychologists Examination Board, which operates under the State Health Department. The tests consist of questions 125 best answer selection questions, with a duration of 2 and a half hours. The minimum score for approval is 170%. The test is offered by computer by Didaxis (private company) and can be answered in Spanish or English, as requested by the candidate. The test is offered twice a year (September-October & March-April). Puerto Rico only offers one board exam for psychologists, regardless of the candidate's specialization. The examination manual is available in Spanish upon request. Candidates must have completed a masters or doctorate degree in the field of psychology from an accredited institution. Puerto Rico only offers one board exam for psychologists, regardless of the candidate's specialization. The examination manual is available in Spanish upon request.

The purpose of the test is for the candidates to demonstrate their knowledge in psychology's main content areas. School psychologists have knowledge of the history and foundations of school psychology; multiple service models and methods; ethical, legal, and professional standards; and other factors related to professional identity and effective practice as school psychologists. School psychologists demonstrate skills to provide services consistent with ethical, legal, and professional standards; engage in responsive ethical and professional decision-making; collaborate with other professionals; and apply professional work characteristics needed for effective practice as school psychologists, including respect for human diversity and social justice, communication skills, effective interpersonal skills, responsibility, adaptability, initiative, dependability, and technology skills (NASP 8.1). It aligns with CAEP Standards for Advanced Programs A1.1 and InTASC Standards 4 and 5.

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The Puerto Rico Psychologists Examination Board provides data for candidates completing this assessment. The results are organized by universities, according to the candidates that took the test. Specific information regarding candidates' names and/or specialization areas is not provided. GSE began to gather data regarding completers outcomes by contacting each one and obtaining the information directly.

The National Counselor Examination (NCE)

The NCE is a 200-question, multiple-choice, no sectioned examination. The NCE represents each of the original eight CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs) content areas, with question content emerging from the five work behaviors determined by NBCC's national job analysis. Thus, the content validity of the NCE is anchored on the five empirically validated work behaviors determined to be most relevant for competent counseling practice and the eight CACREP curriculum educational standards (Candidate Handbook for National Certification with the National Counselor Examination (NCE)). It is important to state that results for this test are not sent directly to the institutions where students completed their degrees. Therefore, the following Phase-In plan was created:

Relationship to Standard/Component				
CAEP Standards Addressed in Plan	A1.1			
Objetivo	Description of Evidence/Data we plan to collect	Timeline	Resources & Personnel Responsible	Assurance of Quality & Data
To gather data regarding completer's outcomes in the	Number of attempts, pass/fail, score.	Twice a year	Dr. Shirley González (COUN Faculty)	Dr. González is contacting completers twice a year to obtain

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Relationship to Standard/Component				
CAEP Standards Addressed in Plan	A1.1			
National Counselor Examination Board			Mrs. Hecmir Clavell, GSE Secretary	information regarding their attempts and outcomes in the NCE. The GSE Secretary has created a database in Excel to gather information.

Table 1 below shows the first cycle of data obtained directly from completers. It is important to state that the GSE depends on completers' willingness to provide the information.

Table 1: The Puerto Rico Psychologists Examination Board AND National Counselor Examination Board Attempt Status

ID	GRADUATION_DATE_CAMPUS	LICENSING EXAM	WORKPLACE	POSITION	PROGRAM	DEGREE
STU 001	202010-Ponce	AUN NO HA TOMADO	MCS, PLANES MEDICOS San Juan PR	SERVICE OFFICIAL	MED-COUN	Master of Education - Professional Counseling
STU 002	202030-Ponce	AUN NO HA TOMADO	Escuela My amigos Biligual Education Center, Carolina del Sur	Maestra de Español	MED-SCPS	Master of Education - School Psychology
STU 003	202050-Ponce	FAILED	Private school - Ponce	Teacher	MED-SCPS	Master of Education - School Psychology
STU 004	202050-Ponce				MED-SCPS	Master of Education - School Psychology
STU 005	202060-Ponce	NO ATTEMPT	Ponce Health Sciences University, Ponce PR	Student Success Manager	EDD-COUN	EDD-COUN
STU 006	202060-Ponce	NO ATTEMPT	Police Department	Policewoman	MED-COUN	MED-COUN
STU 007	202060-Ponce	FAILED	Supermarket	Customer service	MED-SCPS	MED-SCPS