

The “Comp” Exam The CPCE Exam

The CPCE exam is a 160 question, multiple choice answer, with 4 hours allowed for completion. At the time of this writing, the University of West Georgia testing center has only given this exam twice by computer. Even so the proctor has it down pat.

All should know this exam is a wolf in sheep's clothing. I prepared for this exam using the study quizzes, reviewing the answers and reviewing more in depth on the content of the of the questions and answers. The first time I took one of these practice exams I scored 82%. Not bad for not prepping. By exam time, I had the score up to 100%.

I am not a genius, but my GPA in Grad school for Mental Health Counseling is approximately 3.95. I was not prepared for what was on the test. The practice exams were nothing like the real thing. About 1/3 of the questions were on research, 1/3 on Psychology and 1/3 on counseling. The practice exam had few questions on research and pretty basic Psychology questions. The majority of questions surround ethics, counseling, and theories. Where-as the real exam asked very specific questions on types of research, who's theory was what, what the advantages were and more.

Fortunately, it is my understanding a pass rate is usually established at 72% and above. Perhaps the purpose of this exit exam is to prep you for the NCE. I understand it is even harder. the way the CPCE score notification process will work.

EDITOR NOTE:

Within about 4-5 weeks, the school will receive notification from NBCC/CCE regarding the official test scores and the national mean. Once the School has that information, your “Pass or Fail” is calculate based on the school's passing score, which is one SD below the national M. The passing score is usually around 70-72, give or take a bit. Once calculations are completed it will generate an official notification letters which will be mailed to you at the address you provided in the School/Qualtrics survey. However, if you scored a 72 or higher, you can feel pretty good about your likelihood of having passed the test...although this is not guaranteed.

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