Programs
Western Carolina University's Counseling Program includes two separate but related degree programs:
M.A.Ed. in School Counseling (SC), and
M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC)
Both programs are CACREP accredited (through October 2015; note that CMHC was last accredited as Community Counseling) and lead graduates toward the post-Master’s Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) licensure, and for SC only, K-12 School Counseling licensure through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Enrollment
In 2012-2013, we had an average of 75 total (full-time and part-time) students enrolled in our program:
Fall 2012 – 83 (53 CMHC, 30 SC)
Spring 2013 – 67 (43 CMHC, 24 SC)
This represents an average ratio of (FTE*) faculty to (FTE*) students better than 1:10. (*FTE = Full-time equivalent)

Graduation
In 2012-2013, we graduated 36 students:
August 2012 – 1 CMHC, 0 SC
December 2012 – 11 CMHC, 4 SC
May 2013 – 9 CMHC, 11 SC
This represents a 95% completion rate. 100% of the students leaving the program without completion did so of their own initiative (e.g., changes in personal life and/or career goals).

Licensure Exams
National Counselor Exam (NCE) – Among 31 test takers in 2012-2013, WCU yielded a 100% pass rate.
Praxis II: Professional School Counseling – Among 15 test takers in 2012-2013, WCU yielded a 100% pass rate.

Job Placement
Among 2012-2013 graduates, 97% (35 of 36) were working in counseling or closely related occupations within three months of graduation. 100% of graduates seeking employment were employed.

Program Modifications Based on Data Findings
The WCU Counseling Program graduation exit survey and 3-Year program evaluation revealed overall satisfaction with all program objectives. However, one area, while satisfactory overall, was not rated as highly as others. A curricular modification was initiated in February 2013: The previous course requirement of COUN 670: Research in Counseling can, beginning Fall 2013, be fulfilled through either COUN 670 or EDRS 602: Methods of Research.