

California Board of Behavioral Science (BBS) MFT License Exam Pass Rates 16 Southern California MFT Private Programs Comparison

Dates	Institution	Exam	Pass	Fail	% Pass
1/1/08-6/30/08	Azusa Pacific University*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Phillips Graduate Institute*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	California Lutheran University*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Chapman University*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Fuller Theological Seminary*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Loma Linda University*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Loyola Marymount University*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Mount St. Mary's College*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	National University*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Hope International University*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Pepperdine University*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Alliant International University*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	University of La Verne*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	University of Southern California*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Pacifica Graduate Institute*				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Pacific Oaks College	ClinVin#2	9	3	75
1/1/08-6/30/08	All 16 Schools 6 Month Average	ClinVin#2	15	7	64
1/1/08-6/30/08	All Accredited, Approved & OS/C				
1/1/08-6/30/08	Schools 6 Month Totals	ClinVin#2	752	373	67
1/1/04-6/30/08	Pacific Oaks 4 ½ Year Totals	ClinVin#2	50	50	50
1/1/04-6/30/08	All 16 Schools 4 ½ Year Average	ClinVin#2	12	1217	58
1/1/04-6/30/08	All Accredited, Approved & OS/C				
1/1/04-6/30/08	Schools 4 ½ Year Averages	ClinVin#2	622	437	60

The California Board of Behavioral Science requires two separate examinations to obtain the Marriage and Family Therapy license: the Written Exam (#1) and the Written Clinical Vignette Exam (#2). The MFT Licensure rates are determined by those who pass the second of the BBS license exams: the Clinical Vignette Exam, represented as ClinVin#2 in the above table. (*Individual scores for other programs can be found on the BBS Website: http://www.bbs.ca.gov/exams/exam_stats.shtml).

Pacific Oaks College was compared against 15 other accredited private institutions in the southern California area that offer a masters degree program that qualifies for the BBS MFT license over the last 4 ½ years (January 2004 – June 2008). Shown above are the most recent pass rates for these institutions (1/1/08 – 6/30/08) as published by the Board of Behavioral Science on their website, as well as the averaged pass rates over this 4 ½ year period, (1/1/04-6/30/08). In addition to this are the pass rates for all out-of-state and out-of-country programs, (OS/C), as well as all institutions in the entire State of California. These include both those accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, (WASC), and those approved by the California Board of Private and Post Secondary Schools, but not accredited by WASC.

The Pacific Oaks College pass rate for the California MFT license over the past 4 ½ years was exactly 50 percent, as compared to a 58 percent average for all 16 private institutions, including Pacific Oaks. The percentage of P.O. graduates who passed the second Clinical Vignette exam exhibited a very large range over this 4 ½ year period, from 25% to 77% in a given exam period. This is compared with the average rate of the all 16 institutions in the comparison group which ranged from 42% to 78%.

The average pass rate for all for all out-of-state and out-of-country programs, and all institutions in the entire state of California, both WASC accredited and unaccredited, but State of California approved, was 60%, with a range of 46% to 82% over this same 4 ½ year period.