

2017-2018

# IHE Masters Performance Report

## Lenoir-Rhyne University

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## Public Schools of North Carolina

### State Board of Education

### Department of Public Instruction

#### **Overview of Master's Program**

At this time, L-R has one active and running licensure program at the master's level. Master of Arts degrees are offered in one school support area (School Counseling). This program is designed for individuals who wish to pursue graduate studies in order to gain experience, develop leadership skills and enhance professional competence. The MA in Language Development and Learning was officially deleted from LR's offerings in the fall of 2014 due to ongoing low enrollment. Although the areas of Deaf/Hard of Hearing and English as a Second Language are critical areas of need, we were unable to attract students to a traditional program model and compete with proprietary online programs. The Masters of Arts degree in School Counseling, which continues to be one of the fastest growing graduate programs, prepares

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individuals for positions as professional counselors in public school settings. The school counseling program (available through a masters level program or as a licensure only option for those entering with a related graduate degree), places primary emphasis on the development of strong clinical skills and the use of data-driven strategies in the development of a comprehensive school counseling plan. Prospective school counselors who satisfactorily complete the School Counseling program requirements and receive a passing score on the PRAXIS specialty examination are eligible for licensure as a school counselor in North Carolina. In fall 2012 the School Counseling program began offerings at the Lenoir-Rhyne University Center for Graduate Studies in Asheville, NC. In fall 2014 the Counseling program began delivery at the new Center for Graduate Studies in Columbia SC. The College of Education and Human Services began a Master of Arts in Community College Administration at the Center for Graduate Studies in Asheville, NC in the fall of 2012. Finally, the College began offering a new innovative graduate program in Online Teaching and Instructional Design in fall 2014 as well as MA's in Leadership and Human Services.

### **Special Features of Master's Program**

The mission of both the teacher and counselor education programs at Lenoir-Rhyne University for both initial and advanced programs is to prepare professionals who know their content, know how to teach/counsel, are successful with diverse populations, are leaders, are reflective about their practice, and are respectful and caring. The School of Counseling prepares students as either agency counselors, school counselors, or as blended agency-school counselors. Any counseling student who completes a program as a School Counselor must demonstrate a strong theoretical foundation, a mastery of clinical skills, and the ability to practice as reflective counselors interacting with diverse populations in a variety of settings within the public schools. The L-R University mission of wholeness of mind, body and spirit set the tone for the personal, nurturing contact provided to candidates, a hallmark of the teacher and counselor education programs at L-R. These programs prepare reflective practitioners who are caring professionals who enter school environments knowing children and adolescents, and who address children's needs in order to support learning. During 2017-2018, opportunities were provided for graduate students and career school counselors to enhance their professional preparation by making

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presentations at a celebration of student research (SOURCE) held on campus in April. Additionally, affiliation with professional organizations was an area of emphasis for both Education and School Counseling programs. Counseling graduate candidates, faculty, and alumni remain active participants in the professional counseling associations, both at state levels and with the American Counseling Association. In work with the area public schools in 2015-2016, each school counseling intern provided over 300 hours of service to their school during the internship as well as an additional 40 hours of service during early counseling practicum work. A new practicum was developed to provide 100 additional clinical hours to all candidates within public school settings. Implementation began in fall 2014. Finally, the School of Counseling continued delivery of its MA in School Counseling program at the Center for Graduate Studies in Asheville, NC during the 2015-16 academic year. In Fall 2013 Lenoir-Rhyne University was awarded initial, full CACREP accreditation for both the Hickory and Asheville campuses. CACREP has reviewed LR's application to add its Columbia campus and programs to this initial accreditation. The accreditation was approved in Fall 2015. A mid-cycle evaluation from CACREP was completed in 2018 with successful outcomes. Currently the program is applying for additional accreditation for its fully-online MA in Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling.

## **I. CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS**

### **A. Number of Students Who Applied to the Graduate Educator Prep Program**

<b>Number of Students Who Applied to the Graduate Educator Prep Program</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number</b>
Male	17
Female	36
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Number</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	0
African American	3
Hispanic	0
American Indian/Alaskan	0
White	48
Other	2

**B. Headcount of students formally admitted to and enrolled in programs leading to licensure.**

Full-Time				
	Male		Female	
Graduate	Am Indian/Alaskan Native	0	Am Indian/Alaskan Native	1
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	0	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	2
	Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0
	White	7	White	16
	Other	0	Other	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>
Part-Time				
	Male		Female	
Graduate	Am Indian/Alaskan Native	0	Am Indian/Alaskan Native	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	0	Black, Not Hispanic Origin	3
	Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0
	White	15	White	24
	Other	1	Other	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

**C. Program Completers (reported by IHE).**

Program Area	Graduate		Graduate Licensure Only	
PC Completed program but has not applied for or is not eligible to apply for a license	PC	LC	PC	LC
LC Completed program and applied for license				
Prekindergarten (B-K)				
Elementary (K-6)				
Middle Grades (6-9)				
Secondary (9-12)		3		
Special Subjects (K-12)		1		
Exceptional Children (K-12)				
Vocational Education (7-12)				
Special Services Personnel		4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**D. Quality of students admitted to programs during report year.**

Measure	Graduate
MEAN GPA	3.12
MEAN MAT Electronic Rubric	*
MEAN MAT Written	N/A
MEAN GRE Electronic	N/A
MEAN GRE Written	N/A
MEAN NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE	3.41
NUMBER EMPLOYED IN NC SCHOOLS	15
* To protect confidentiality of student records, mean scores based on fewer than five test takers were not printed.	
Comment or Explanation:	

**E. Scores of program completers on professional and content area examinations.**

Specialty Area/Professional Knowledge	2016-2017 Program Completers Licensure Pass Rate	
	Number Taking Test	Percent Passing
M.G. Language Arts	1	*
M.G. Math	1	*
M.G. Science	1	*
Music	1	*
School Counselor	6	100
Science (grades 9-12)	1	*
Institution Summary	11	82
* To protect confidentiality of student records, mean scores based on fewer than five test takers were not printed.		

**F. Lateral Entry/Provisionally Licensed Teachers Refers to individuals employed by public schools on lateral entry or provisional licenses**

Program Area	Number of Issued Programs of Study Leading to Licensure	Number Enrolled in One or More Courses Leading to Licensure
Prekindergarten (B-K)	0	0
Elementary (K-6)	0	0
Middle Grades (6-9)	2	2
Secondary (9-12)	2	2
Special Subject Areas (K-12)	1	1
Exceptional Children (K-12)	0	0
<b>Total</b>	5	5

Comment or Explanation:
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**G. Time from admission into the graduate teacher education program until program completion**

Full Time						
	3 or fewer semesters	4 semesters	5 semesters	6 semesters	7 semesters	8 semesters
Graduate degree	0	0	0	0	0	0
Licensure Only	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part Time						
	3 or fewer semesters	4 semesters	5 semesters	6 semesters	7 semesters	8 semesters
Graduate degree	0	5	1	1	0	0
Licensure Only	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comment or Explanation:						