

## **Pastoral Studies: Pass Rates**

The MA in Pastoral Counseling (MAPC) provides a curriculum that prepares students for the National Counselor Examination and the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination, meets the educational requirements for licensure as a professional counselor in the State of Illinois (among others), and does so through spiritually-integrated coursework. The latter focal point enables the counselor to integrate a care seeker's religious and spiritual life into the therapeutic process where appropriate and requested.

Not all students in the MAPC program intend to seek licensure. Some are ordained ministers or vowed religious who seek to develop their skills for use outside a clinical therapeutic context such that licensure is not required. Some are international students, studying with us because of the lack of mental health education or infrastructure in their home regions and they intend to return to that context rather than seek licensure in Illinois or in the United States.

Time to completion for MAPC students who graduated in the last five years: 3.7 years. The Completion Rate for all who began the MAPC program (including part-time students) between Fall 2015 and Spring 2020 is 65%. Surveys of MAPC alumni indicate a 100% pass rate on the NCE and 95% succeed in pursuing licensure in their state.