

School Counseling Graduates Survey

The purpose of this survey is to solicit your feedback about your experiences in the School Counseling program at Rutgers' Graduate School of Education (GSE). To this end, we are interested in knowing the extent to which the School Counseling program prepared you for your current position and *helped you feel comfortable with your counseling skills*. Your feedback is very important to us. Your responses will assist us in improving our training program. However, your participation is voluntary. There are no right or wrong answers, just those that reflect your experience.

Background:

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Ethnicity: ___ Asian or Pacific Islander
 ___ American Indian or Alaskan Native
 ___ Black, Non-Hispanic
 ___ White, Non-Hispanic
 ___ International, Non-Resident
 ___ Other

1. What year did you graduate? _____
2. What program did you complete at the GSE? _____
3. Are you currently employed? ___ Yes ___ No
4. Are you currently seeking employment? ___ Yes ___ No
5. What is the name of your current employer?

Employer: _____

City & State: _____
6. What is your official job title? _____
7. Is this the area in which you wish you had gainful employment?
 ___ Yes ___ No

8. Which of the following best describes your employer? (please circle **one or all**?)

1=public school in New Jersey

2=private school in New Jersey

3=public school out of state

4=private school out of state

5=nonprofit organization

6=higher educational institution

7=other educational institution or organization

8=self employed

9=not affiliated with school counseling field

9. Are you employed full-time or part-time? (please circle one)

1=full-time

2=part-time

10. How closely is your current position related to your studies in the Program of School Counseling at the GSE? (please circle one)

1=poorly

2=below average

3=average

4=above average

5=excellent

11. In general, how well did the Program in School Counseling prepare you for your current position? (please circle one)

1=poorly

2=below average

3=average

4=above average

5=excellent

12. Since completing the Program in School Counseling, have you completed another graduate or professional school program, or are you enrolled in such a program?

1=yes, currently enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program (go to #13)

2=yes, completed a graduate of professional degree (go to #13)

3=no (if currently employed go to #16 **or** if currently unemployed go to #17)

13. What graduate or professional degree are you currently pursuing or, if you completed a degree, what degree did you complete since your graduate studies at the GSE?

1=masters

2=doctorate

3=medical (includes osteopathy, dental DO, MD, DDS, etc)

4=law

5=business

6=Veterinarian school

7=Other, please describe _____

14. What was, or is, the full name of your graduate or professional school?

15. In general, how well did the Program in School Counseling prepare you for your graduate or professional school program?

1=poorly

2=below average

3=average

4=above average

5=excellent

Please refer to the associated chart for each of the following questions:

16. Thinking about the demands of your current job, how satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of Program in School Counseling?

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	NA
Course content	1	2	3	4	5	9
Courses current	1	2	3	4	5	9
Overall quality of instruction	1	2	3	4	5	9
Equipment/material current	1	2	3	4	5	9
Preparation for job market	1	2	3	4	5	9
Skill development	1	2	3	4	5	9

17. How satisfied are you with your educational preparation in the Program in School Counseling for the following skills and abilities? Sounds awkward

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	NA
Content area knowledge	1	2	3	4	5	9
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	9
Integration of theory and practice	1	2	3	4	5	9
Inquiry/Action research	1	2	3	4	5	9
Use of research related to counseling of K-12 youth to promote practice	1	2	3	4	5	9
Understanding how research furthers practice	1	2	3	4	5	9
Philosophy of school counseling	1	2	3	4	5	9
History of school counseling	1	2	3	4	5	9
Professional ethics	1	2	3	4	5	9
Diversity in school counseling	1	2	3	4	5	9
Communication skills	1	2	3	4	5	9
Written communication	1	2	3	4	5	9
Technology skill	1	2	3	4	5	9
Responsiveness to feedback	1	2	3	4	5	9
Understanding of clinical interventions	1	2	3	4	5	9
Collaboration	1	2	3	4	5	9
Create counseling strategies to meet individual needs	1	2	3	4	5	9
Career assessment	1	2	3	4	5	9
Group assessment	1	2	3	4	5	9
Responsibility for actions and decisions	1	2	3	4	5	9
Applying knowledge learned in graduate school to my school community	1	2	3	4	5	9
Communicating effectively with people who have opposing viewpoints	1	2	3	4	5	9

18. Having now completed the Program in School Counseling, indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Overall, faculty members were interested in student's professional development.	1	2	3	4
I would recommend my program's graduate degree to prospective students.	1	2	3	4
I am satisfied with the quality of academic advising I received.	1	2	3	4
Program requirements and expectations were clear.	1	2	3	4
I had opportunities to participate in faculty members' research.	1	2	3	4
I had a mentoring relationship with at least one faculty member.	1	2	3	4

19. How satisfied are you with your overall educational experience at the Graduate School of Education? (please circle one)

1=very dissatisfied

2=dissatisfied

3=neutral

4=satisfied

5=very satisfied

20. How satisfied are you with your current career?

1=very dissatisfied

2=dissatisfied

3=neutral

4=satisfied

5=very satisfied

21. If you could start again, would you choose your current profession? (please circle one)

1=yes

2=no

22. How has your graduate studies at the Graduate School of Education uniquely affected outreach and counseling with K-12 students in your school or community?

23. To help improve its programs, the Program in School Counseling would like to survey employers who have hired program graduates to ask their opinions of relevance of the Program in School Counseling. Would you give the Graduate School of Education permission to contact your employer to gather this information?

1=yes, permission given (please go to #24)

2=no, permission not given (please go to #25)

24. Please complete the following information for your immediate supervisor:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

25. If you would like to be kept informed of upcoming events sponsored by the Program in School Counseling, please provide your email address:

26. Would you be interested in participating in any orientations and/or professional development activities sponsored by the Rutgers' Program in School Counseling?

1=yes, please contact me

2=no, please do not contact me

27. Please use the space below to give us any feedback that you feel would help us to improve the Program in School Counseling for current and future graduate candidates. Include any professional accomplishments you would like to share.

28. Please specify below any professional accomplishments you would like to share with us.

Former Graduate Students' signature

Date

Program/Clinical Coordinator

Date