A. College, Department and Date
   1. College: College of Education
   2. Department: Individual, Family and Community Education UNM
   3. Date: 12/16/15

B. Academic Program of Study*
   M.A. Counseling

C. Contact Person(s) for the Assessment Plan
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* Academic Program of Study is defined as an approved course of study leading to a certificate or degree reflected on a UNM transcript. A graduate-level program of study typically includes a capstone experience (e.g. thesis, dissertation, professional paper or project, comprehensive exam, etc.).
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<th>Broad Learning Goal</th>
<th>Student Learning Outcomes</th>
<th>COE C.F./Univ. Goal</th>
<th>When Assessed **</th>
<th>Assessment/ Course if applicable</th>
<th>Direct/ Indirect</th>
<th>Score Range</th>
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<td>Core Content Knowledge</td>
<td>Students will demonstrate knowledge and competency in the eight core content areas in counseling defined by CACREP (professional orientation and ethical practice, social and cultural diversity, human growth and development, career development, helping relationships, group work, assessment, and research and program evaluation)</td>
<td>U K</td>
<td>Fall/Spring</td>
<td><strong>Counselor Preparation Competency Examination</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>National Counselor Examination</strong></td>
<td>Direct</td>
<td>0-160</td>
<td>1 SD below the national mean or higher Passing Score as set by NBCC</td>
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<td>Program Evaluation (Track Specific)</td>
<td>Students will demonstrate knowledge and application of qualitative and quantitative methods used in conducting research and program evaluation; principles of models, and applications of needs assessment, program evaluation, and the use of findings to effect program modifications; the use of research and program evaluation to inform evidenced-based practice and ethically and culturally relevant strategies for interpreting and reporting the results of research and program evaluation studies.</td>
<td>U, P / K, S</td>
<td>Fall/Spring</td>
<td><strong>Program Evaluation Capstone Assignment in COUN521: Clinical Mental Health Counseling</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Program Evaluation Capstone Assignment in COUN545: School Counseling</strong></td>
<td>Direct</td>
<td>0-5</td>
<td>90% score ≥ 4</td>
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<td>Clinical Knowledge and Skills</td>
<td>Students will demonstrate knowledge and skills for effective and competent</td>
<td>P / S</td>
<td>Every semester</td>
<td><strong>Professional Counselor Performance</strong></td>
<td>Direct</td>
<td>0-2</td>
<td>90% score ≥ 1</td>
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<td>clinical practice with culturally diverse clients through counseling, prevention, intervention, advocacy, assessment, research and evaluation, and collaboration and consultation</td>
<td>Evaluation (PCPE)</td>
<td>Direct</td>
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<td>90% score ≥ 4</td>
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*Briefly describe the criteria for success related to each direct or indirect means of assessment. What is the program’s performance target (e.g., is an “acceptable or better” performance by 60% of students on a given measure acceptable to the program faculty)? If scoring rubrics are used to define qualitative criteria and measure performance, attach them to the plan as they are available.

1. **Who**: State explicitly whether the program’s assessment will include evidence from all students in the program or a sample. Address the validity of any proposed sample of students. [NOTE: Although one size does not fit all and it does depend on the assessment method, sampling should not be taken lightly. Best practices indicate that sampling approx. 20% of a course’s student population (or student enrollment) is valid and reliable if the number exceeds 99. Otherwise, a valid rationale has to be provided for samples that are less than 20% of the course’s student population.]

   All students will be explored on all measures for their specific track, as all these items are required for national CACREP accreditation.

2. **When will learning outcomes be assessed? When and in what forum will the results of the assessment be discussed?**

   [Briefly describe the timeframe over which your unit will conduct the assessment of learning outcomes selected for the one, two, or three year plan and/or complete the following table. For example, provide a layout of the semesters or years (e.g., 2014-2015, 2014-2016, and 2014-2017), list which outcomes will be assessed, and which semester/year the results will be discussed and used to improve student learning (e.g., discussed with program faculty, interdepartmental faculty, advisory boards, students, etc.).]

   All outcomes will be assessed every year, as all these courses are run every year, and each of these exams are offered each year. Each are required for CACREP accreditation and need to be explored on an annual basis. The results of the assessment will be discussed in program faculty meetings and through program modification reports, which are required to be placed online, on the Counselor Education website, to meet reporting requirements for CACREP.

3. **What is the program’s process to analyze/interpret assessment data and use results to improve student learning?**

   Briefly describe:
1. **who will participate in the assessment process (the gathering of evidence, the analysis/interpretation, recommendations).**
2. **what is the process for considering the implications of assessment/data for change:**
   a. to assessment mechanisms themselves,
   b. to curriculum design,
   c. to pedagogy
   ...in the interest of improving student learning.
3. **How, when, and to whom will recommendations be communicated?**

   1. *All Program Faculty have responsibility in this process, both in gathering evidence, as well as participating in regular (semesterly) program retreats to analyze and interpret data.*

   2. *Every semester, the Counselor Education program faculty meet in a retreat to explore the previous semester’s data from courses and evaluate the program for CACREP national standards. At these time, we consider program modifications that may need to occur to keep us in compliance with our national standards. The program faculty have met to discuss assessment methods, curriculum design, and pedagogy for teaching. These standards were agreed upon when we modified the program to meet the 2009 national standards, which has very specific SLO’s that must be measured for accreditation.*

   3. *All recommendations are made publically available online through the Counselor Education website. This is a requirement for CACREP and we must report to them by 9/15 every academic year with a copy of this report.*