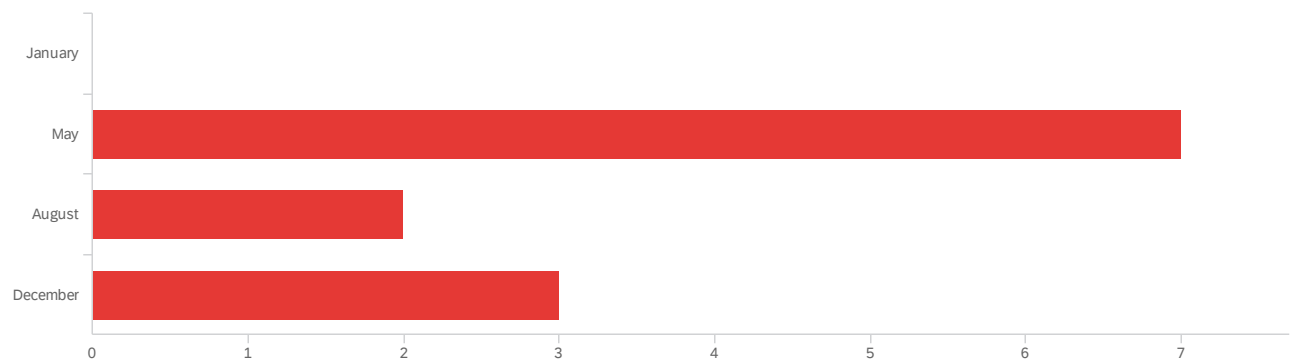


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Alumni-Counseling Satisfaction Survey 2023 Spring  
January 18, 2024 10:45 AM CST

## Q1 - What month did you complete your counseling degree?



| # | Field    | Choice Count |
|---|----------|--------------|
| 1 | January  | 0.00% 0      |
| 2 | May      | 58.33% 7     |
| 3 | August   | 16.67% 2     |
| 4 | December | 25.00% 3     |

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## Q16 - What year did you complete your counseling degree?

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1996

2021

2022

2015

2018

2005

2006

2022

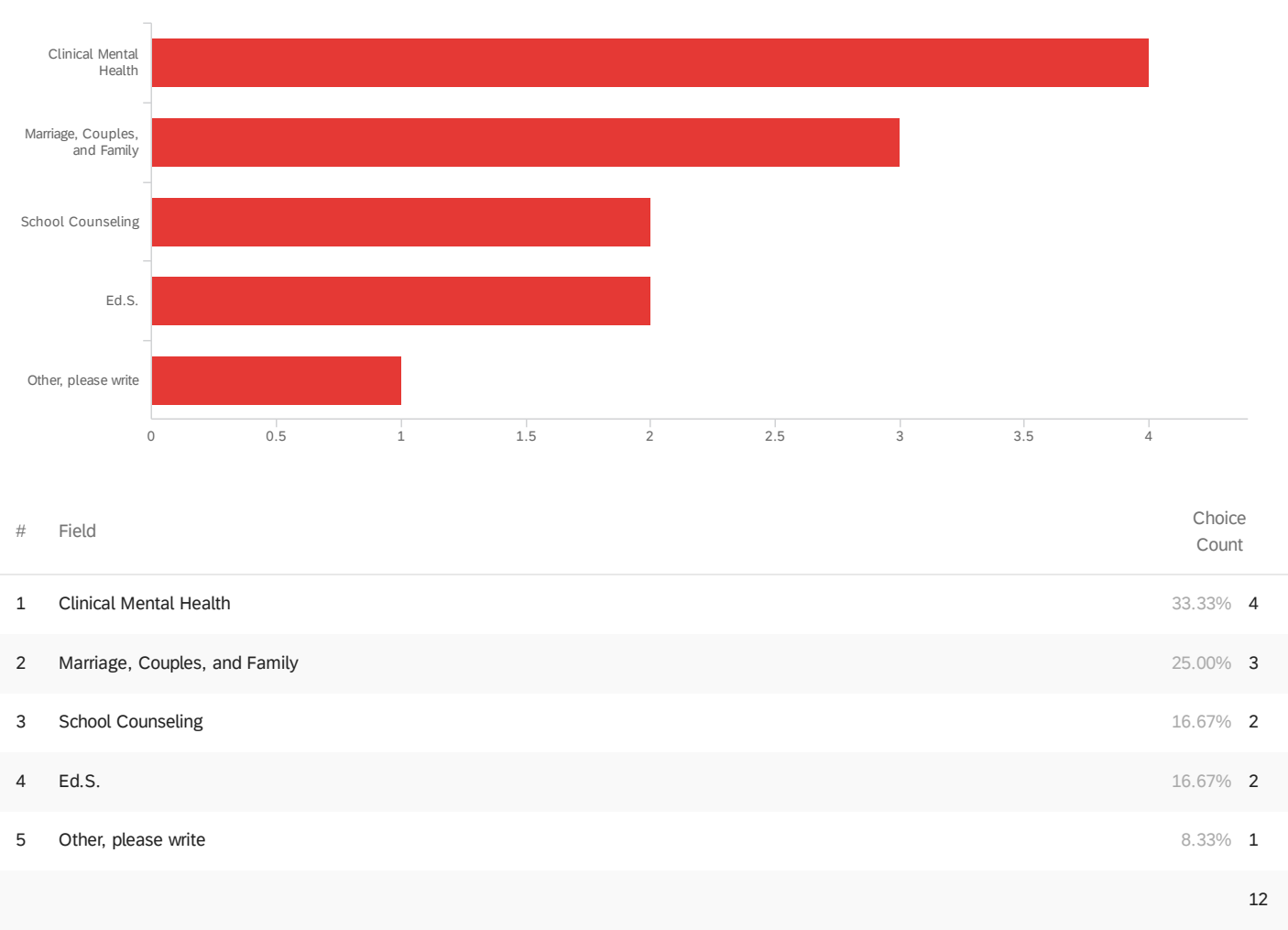
2020

2021

2021

2014

Q2 - What program track did you complete?



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Other, please write

Other, please write

Student Affairs

## Q20 - Why did you choose the Department of Counseling and Student Affairs at WKU for your counseling degree? Please be as specific as possible.

Why did you choose the Department of Counseling and Student Affairs at WKU...

Great staff to work with, close to home, great work experiences

Close to home. CACREP accredited. Excellent faculty and interesting classes

I already worked in higher ed and Dr. Hughey had a great pitch

I went there for undergrad and I really liked the campus and professors.

My spouse was employed by WKU and I received reduced tuition.

It was close and I was an alumni

The counseling department is an amazing program and after sitting down with Dr. Hughey, I knew that this would be the right path for me.

Work related

WKU is in my hometown, so a quick commute. The program seemed very fitting for me, especially after the initial interview.

It's the best state school in the area. I also knew one of the faculty members who I respect. They encouraged me.

When searching for degrees in counseling I came across the WKU website and loved the diversity that was available within the department. It seemed like every professor had a different way of looking at the fields yet the department was aligned when it came to ethics and integrity.

I chose the Department of Counseling and Student Affairs at WKU because of the integrity and reputation of the program. I recommend WKU to anyone interested in achieving their Master's Degree.

## Q21 - What were your reasons for seeking a degree in counseling?

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To help my staff and students with work tasks and goals

I wanted to help people.

The desire to reshape higher education

I've always wanted to help people understand why they do what they do!

I wanted to work in a helping profession. My previous work experience was in a social work setting, but I wanted to work more directly with students, rather than families, so I pursued a degree in School Counseling.

Flexible class times and needed for me to be a better teacher

As a child growing up I noticed that there was nobody who looked like me in a mental health profession and I wanted to changed that scenario. In my culture "back then" it was unheard of to express your thoughts and feelings to someone you didn't know therefore "WE" kept a lot in with many unanswered questions and hate.

NA

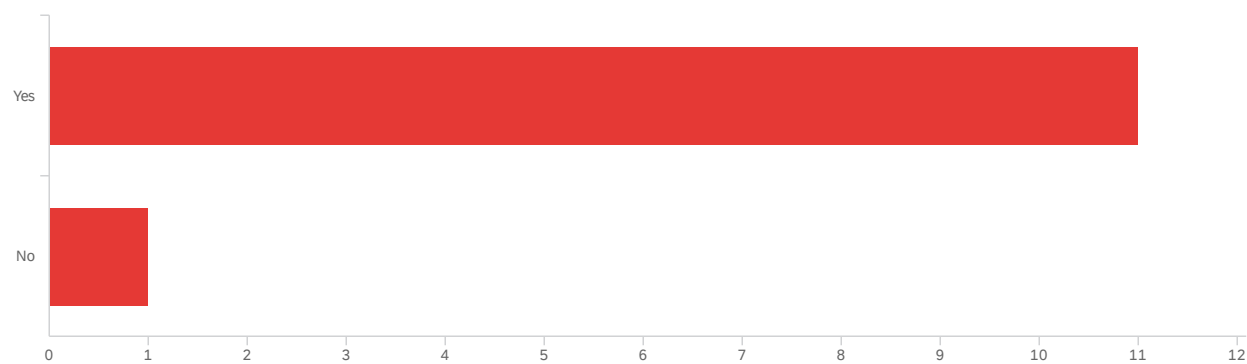
I wanted to help others, and I feel like mental health is a very important and growing field.

Desire to be in the business of wellness, healing, and integration.

I had my BA in Psychology and realized that i did not feel the medical model was where my beliefs aligned. It was more about leafing and diagnosing rather than guiding and serving. Counseling has placed me where my hear lies..

I was working in residential treatment at the time, and an opportunity presented itself for a therapist position. I naturally fell into possessing the skills, and was able to strengthen and develop these in my time in the program. The professionalism and knowledge of my professors was top notch, and I continue to utilize them as I grow professionally.

Q4 - Are you currently employed in a clinical and/or counseling-related job?



| # | Field | Choice | Count |
|---|-------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes   | 91.67% | 11    |
| 2 | No    | 8.33%  | 1     |

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## Q19 - What is the title of your counseling position?

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Youth Service Coordinator

Mental health counselor

Psychotherapist/Owner of private practice

Academic Advisor I

School Counseleor

LPCC-S

Counselor

Therapist

Independent LPCA

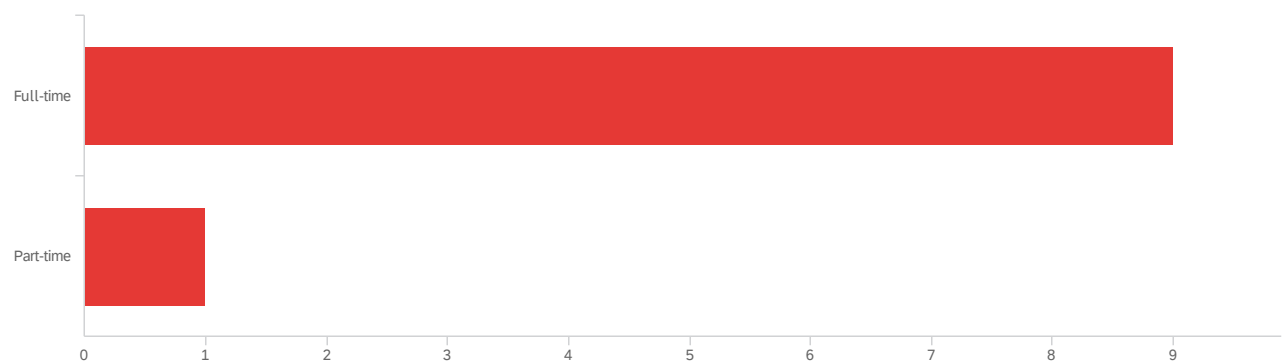
Assistant Clinical Director; Addiction Services Coordinator

Q5 - In what state are you currently employed?

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| In what state are you currently employed? |
| Kentucky                                  |
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| Licensed in KY and TN                     |
| Kentucky                                  |
| Kentucky                                  |
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| Ky  |
| Kentucky                                  |



Q6 - Is your current counseling-related job full-time or part-time?



| # | Field     | Choice Count |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | Full-time | 90.00% 9     |
| 2 | Part-time | 10.00% 1     |

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Q7 - How many MONTHS did it take to find employment in a counseling-related job after you graduated (e.g., 1.5)?

How many MONTHS did it take to find employment in a counseling-related job...

1

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I had a job before I graduated

2

1.5 years

6

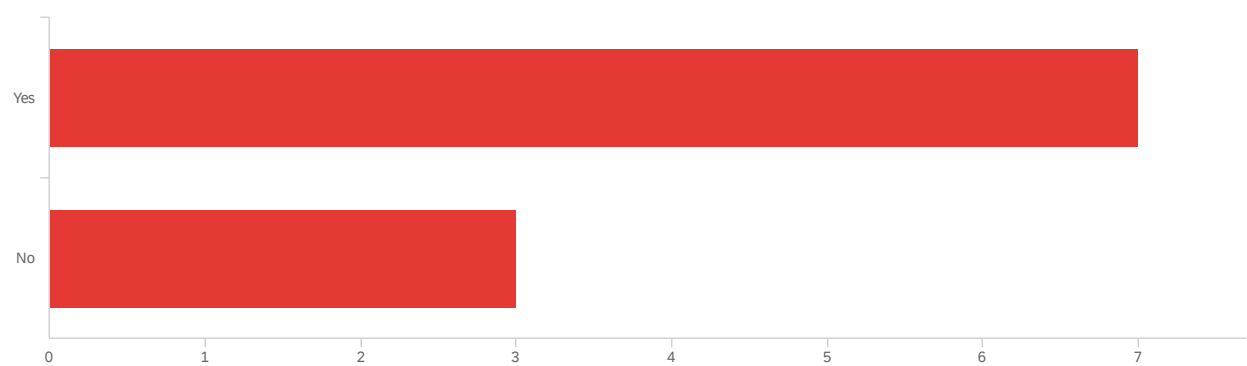
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0- hired before i graduated. I stated at my internship site.

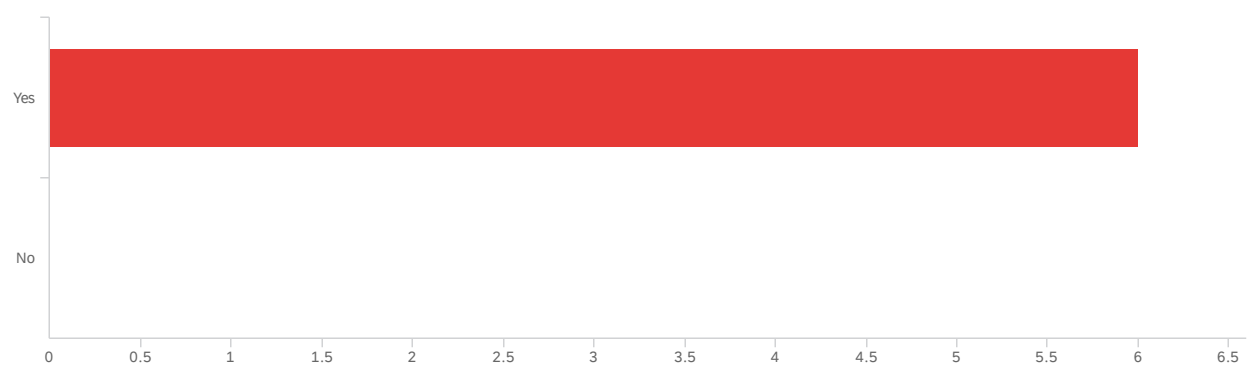
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Q8 - Have you taken the National Certified Counselor exam?



| # | Field | Choice | Count |
|---|-------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Yes   | 70.00% | 7     |
| 2 | No    | 30.00% | 3     |

Q9 - If so, did you pass it?

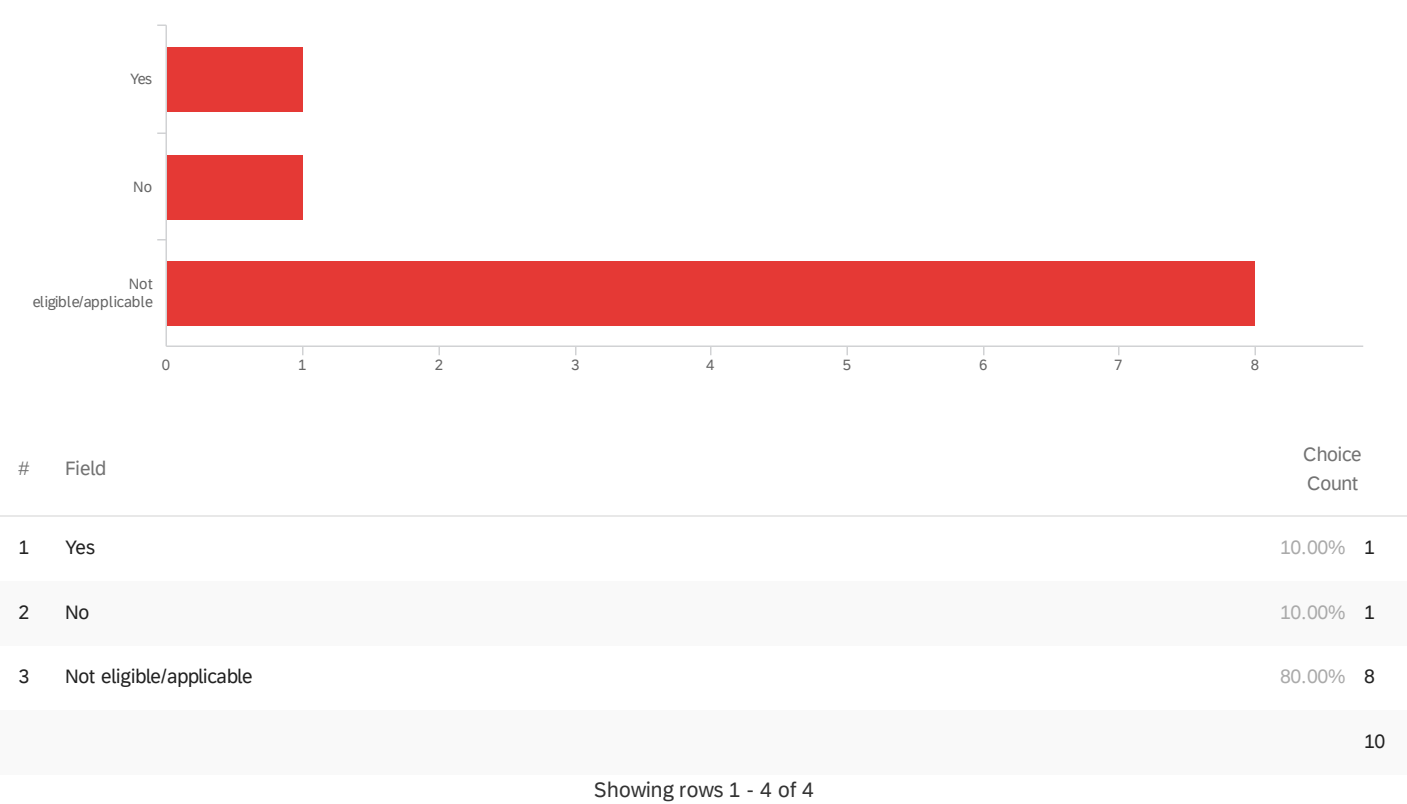


| # | Field | Choice  | Count |
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| 1 | Yes   | 100.00% | 6     |
| 2 | No    | 0.00%   | 0     |

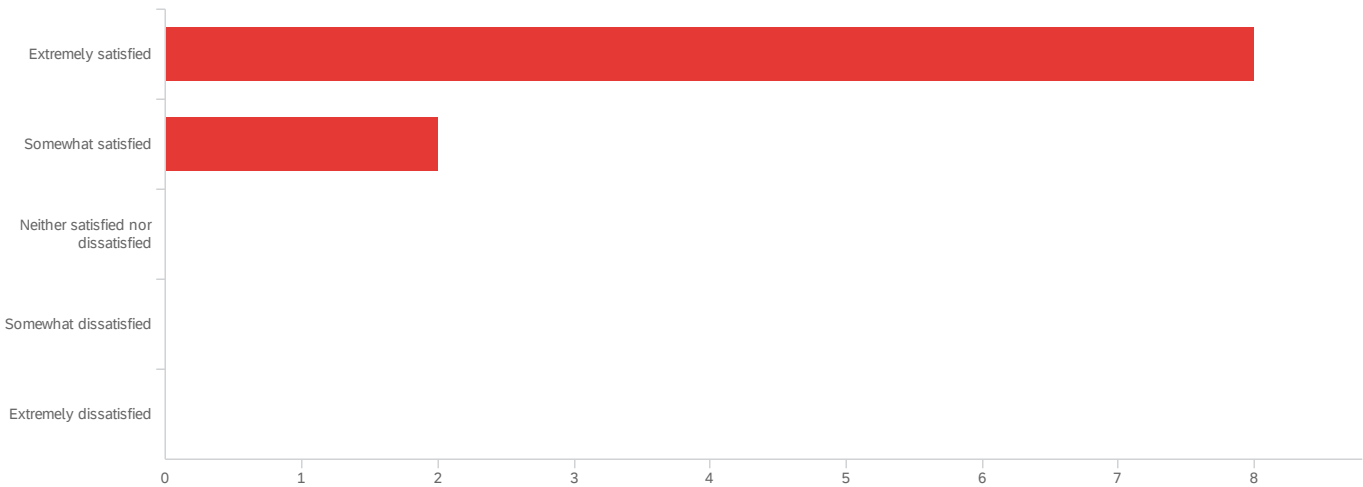
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Q10 - If you were eligible to become a school counselor, did you take obtain your School Counseling certification?



Q11 - How satisfied are you with your experience in the WKU counseling program?



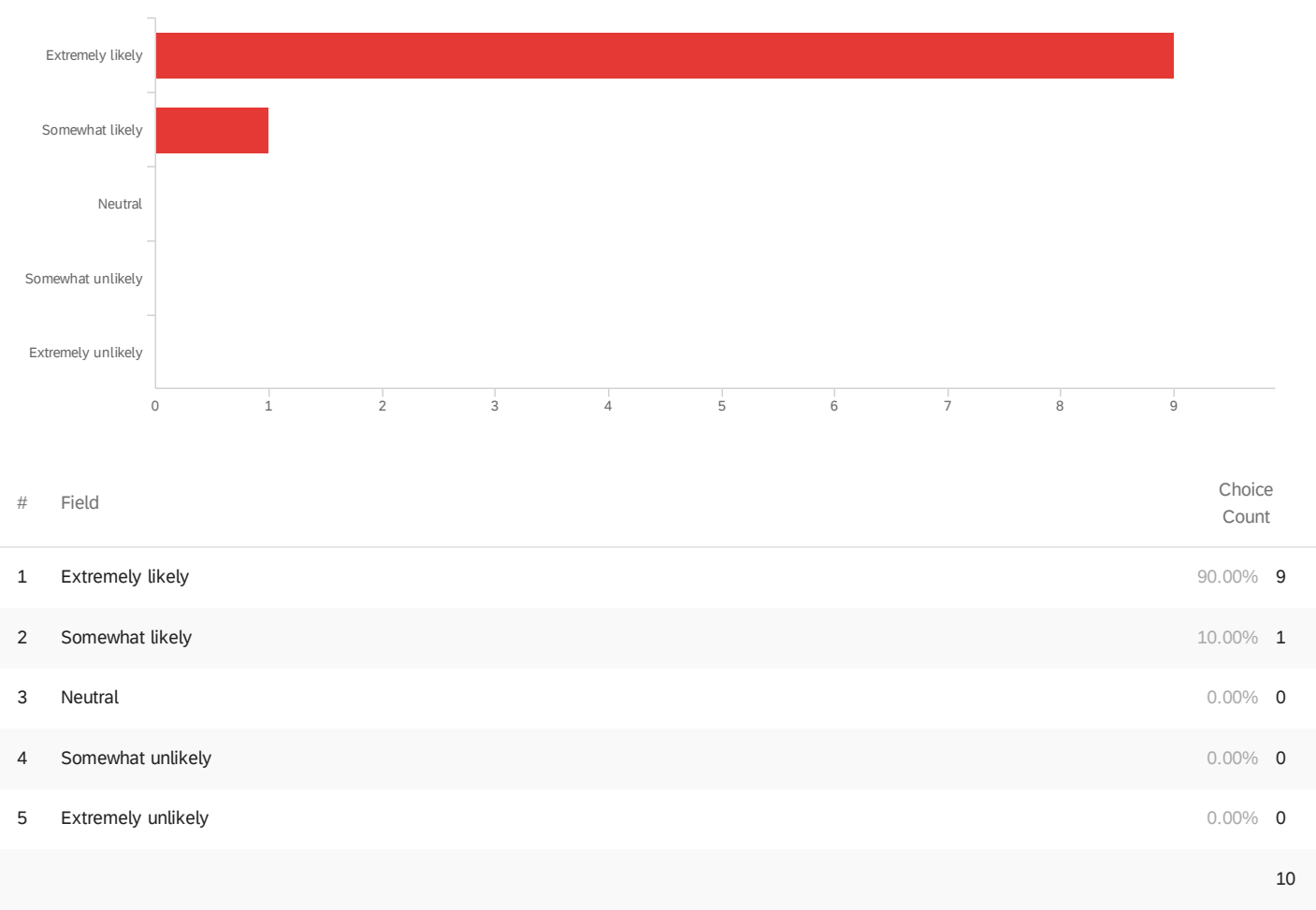
| # | Field                              | Choice Count |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Extremely satisfied                | 80.00% 8     |
| 2 | Somewhat satisfied                 | 20.00% 2     |
| 3 | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 0.00% 0      |
| 4 | Somewhat dissatisfied              | 0.00% 0      |
| 5 | Extremely dissatisfied             | 0.00% 0      |
|   |                                    | 10           |

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Q12 - How well did WKU counseling program prepare you for working in the field?



Q13 - How likely are you to recommend the WKU counseling program for aspiring counselors?



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## Q14 - From your experience, what would you say are the greatest strengths of the WKU counseling program?

From your experience, what would you say are the greatest strengths of the...

Working and learning at the same time.

Helpful professors, dedicated office staff, supportive environment

The professors were wonderful. It was a very hands-on experience.

Preparation for the real world.

NA

The range of experience of the professors. The ability of the professors and the willingness to help counselors-in-training.

Excellent faculty, panels with counselors out in the field, faculty with different theories to learn from, consistency, accreditation, emphasis on the most important counseling skill being self-care.

Diversity, leadership, mentorship, caring professors, challenging while being rewarding

WKU's strengths are the reputation on the program and the Professors who are gatekeepers for the program itself, and the profession. They are the most esteemed persons I know in the profession.

## Q15 - What suggestions for improvements would you recommend for the WKU counseling program?

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Increase the Graduate package to stay competitive with other schools.

Need more emphasis on understanding narcissistic personalities and toxic relationships

Students seeking a school counseling degree with out a teaching background need more training in education to help them be hired.

N/A

NA

More electives and more real world experience to get to know what they actually want to do after graduation.

Advisors spending a little more time with students. More emphasis on don't do too much while in grad school or you can burn out before you even begin.

More teachings for working with erotically marginalized clients. Perhaps just a handout, readings, or guest speaker to assist students with the LGBTQIA+ community as well as poly/kink relationships. With the current environment it is a difficult area to navigate

N/A

Q22 - If you were enrolled in any of the department's digitally delivered (online) programs and/or took digitally delivered courses (i.e., live synchronous zoom), please remark on the strengths of this delivery method, as well as suggestions.

If you were enrolled in any of the department's digitally delivered (online...

I enjoyed most of the online classes. Some classes had too much busy work and not enough real world examples that related to counseling.

It makes it more flexible for those of us that work full time and seeking a masters degree.

I'd love to sit in on some online classes.

NA

Online classes were a little harder, granted, this was prior to the onset of COVID. I really enjoyed face to face instruction, but am glad that the online courses were available.

I don't like online classes at all. I will say that they are convenient for schedules but I don't like discussion posts or online quizzes and prefer learning in person. Online classes feel like I'm teaching myself instead of being taught.

I felt the courses were good but the blackboard check in assignments were at times tedious (respond personally and to 2 other people). Perhaps keep the personal piece and respond to one other person in depth or do compare contrast assignments. (Suggestions for hybrid) Perhaps breakout rooms for live sessions where a topic is given and groups discuss and come back with arguments, agreements, and/or questions for deeper discussion. Overall the delivery of the classes I took were good. Most were taken due to Covid needs but they were well planned especially due to the rush. Planned online classes were well done but sometimes felt restricted in their flow. Extroverts talk and introverts easily fade into the background.

Blackboard was utilized.

## Q17 - We love staying connected with you! Please share your updated email.

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