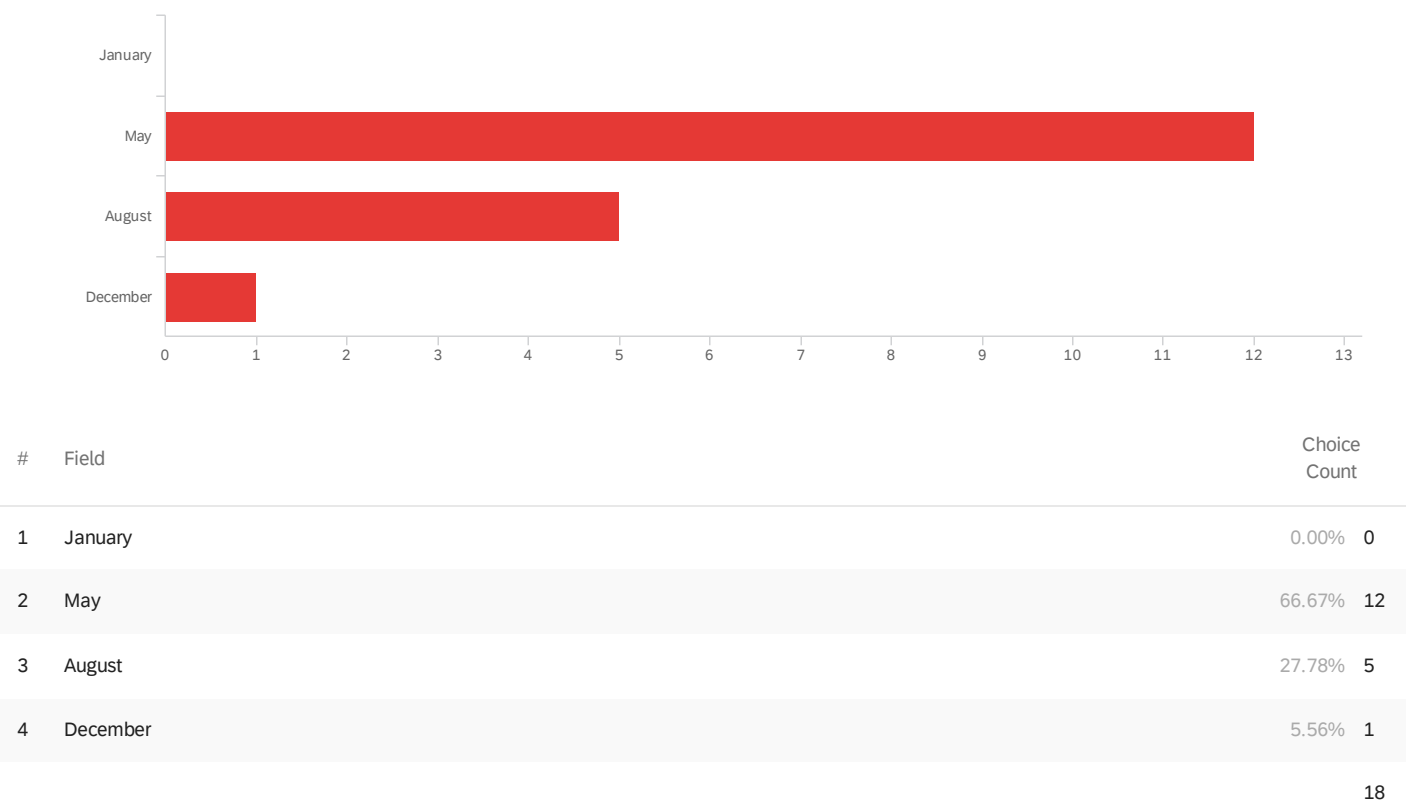


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Q1 - What month did you complete your counseling degree?



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Q16 - What year did you complete your counseling degree?

What year did you complete your counseling degree?

2017

2011

2012

2023

2008

1998

2011

2014

2020

2016

2019

2022

2023

2021

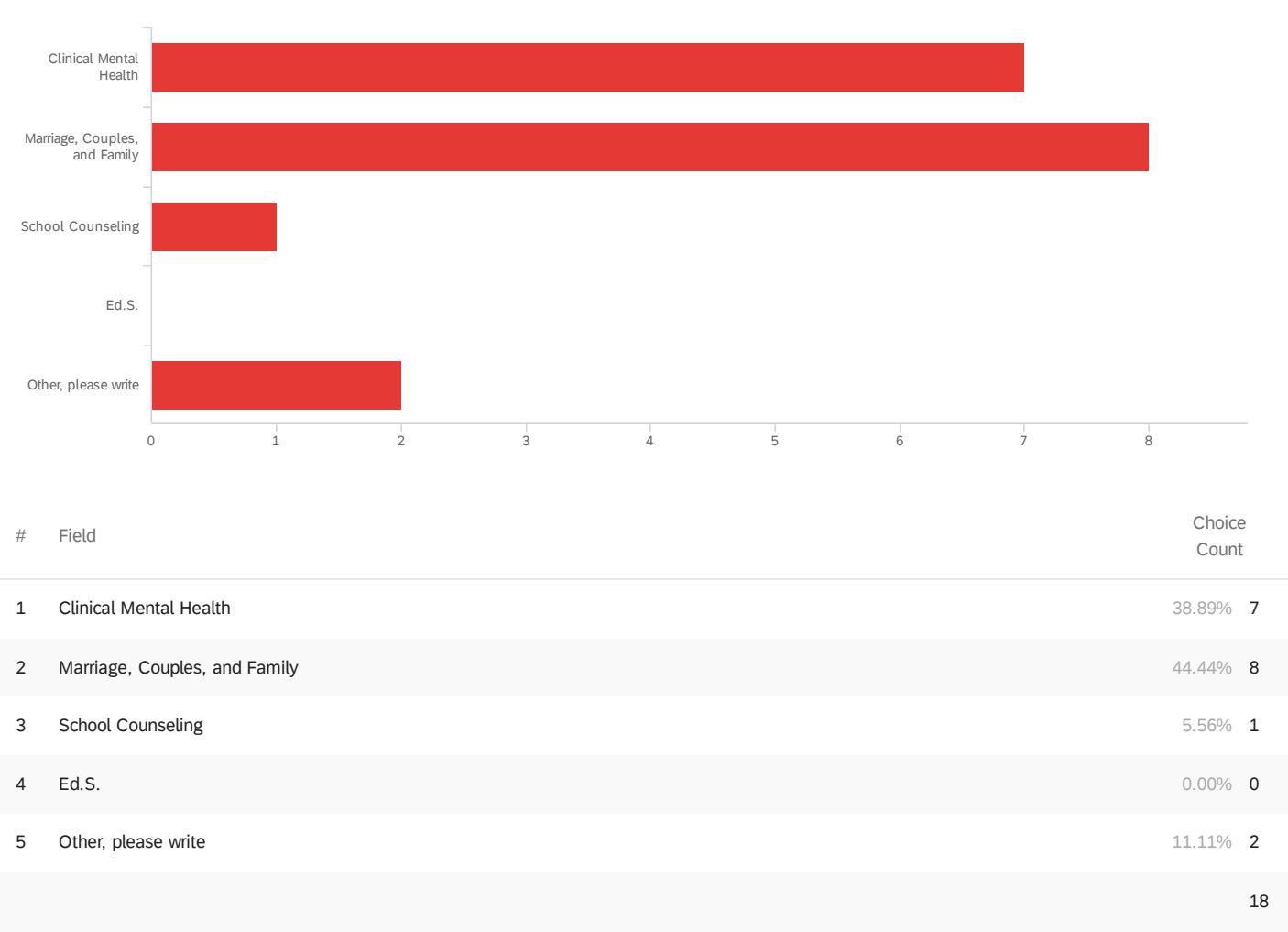
2015

2010

2013

2015

Q2 - What program track did you complete?



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Other, please write

Other, please write

Student Affairs

Marriage and Family Therapy

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...

I was WKU alumni and knew the caliber of education I would receive.

I knew my heart was in Student Affairs and this program was specialized and close to home.

Professors, area of interests, quality of education

Cost

location, price, accredited program

Convenience, reputation of the school, having worked with previous graduates of the school, had already received my undergrad in Psychology there.

Was accredited. Applied for a graduate assistantship position.

WKU is in my hometown.

I chose WKU because the program seemed to fully prepare its students for success in counseling. I wanted to leave my program fully equipped to be the best therapist I could be.

For the diversity of track options (marriage family, CMH, and school)

Very interactive curriculum that allowed a hybrid schedule on in person and online classes

I chose this department because of how much I enjoyed the professors. These professors were connected and compassionate with each student they engaged with.

The professionalism, and personalities, of the professors when I got to meet them at the program interview night

I had met with some of faculty and toured the department and felt welcome even as a perspective student. The program offered a specific marriage and family track while other programs did not. I believe this would benefit me in my future career goals. I also viewed the counseling program more therapeutic and specialized compared to the broad social work department. Again, I believed this would assist me better in reaching my goals.

I loved that not everything was online. The in-person weekend classes were the most informative and being able to practice with others (in-person).

I had interacted with some of the faculty and had good experiences and were people I wanted to emulate.

I chose this program because it was CACREP certified and it was close to home. I also heard positive reviews of the program.

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

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To help others

To support others.

Become a therapist

To become a counselor in residential or private practice settings

passionate about helping people make changes in their lives

Desire to pay it forward by using my talents and experiences to help people in need.

Helping guide others down their journey to a healthier life.

To help people.

I've always wanted to be a therapist, and counseling seemed like the best fit for me over social work and psychology.

I wanted to help others

Someone encouraged me to explore it and I felt my calling after the first semesyer

After taking CNS432 with Dr. Dye I found that counseling was for me rather than school psychology.

Passion, interest, and the flexibilities

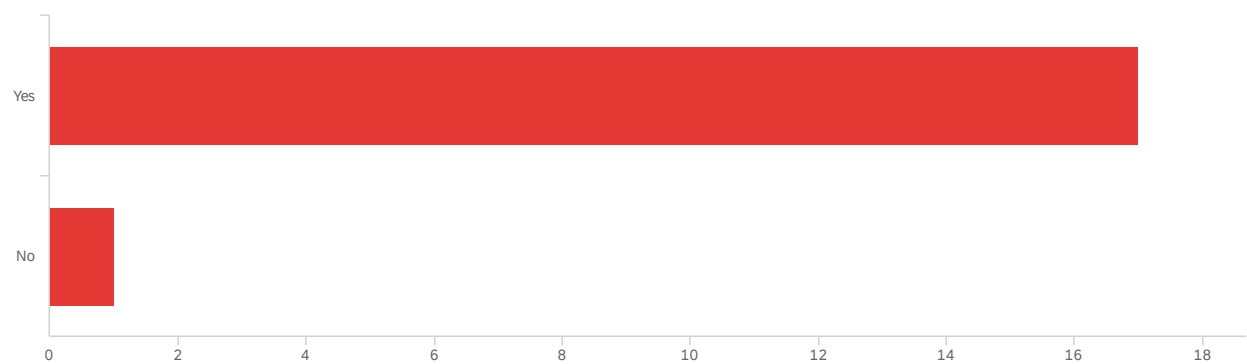
I started with the idea of "wanting to help others" as many do. As I worked through the program I found that my desire was to help others help themselves- learn more about themselves, creating healthier habits, and improving their relationships.

I wanted to be able to help students with their mental health and social emotional learning.

My own experience of counseling. Career surveys highly suggested it. My life story was one that could connect to other's, I felt a deep call

I wanted to choose a program that had a wellness approach to treatment and was focused mainly on counseling skills.

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



#	Field	Choice	Count
1	Yes	94.44%	17
2	No	5.56%	1

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Q19 - What is the title of your counseling position?

What is the title of your counseling position?

LPCA

LPCC-S

lpcc-s, therapist

Therapist II

Licensed Professional Counselor

Counselor

District Mental Health Counselor and Mental Health Therapist

Licensed Mental Health Therapist

LPCA, NCC

Clinical Mental Health Therapist

LPCC

Therapist

SEL Specialist/School Counselor Liaison

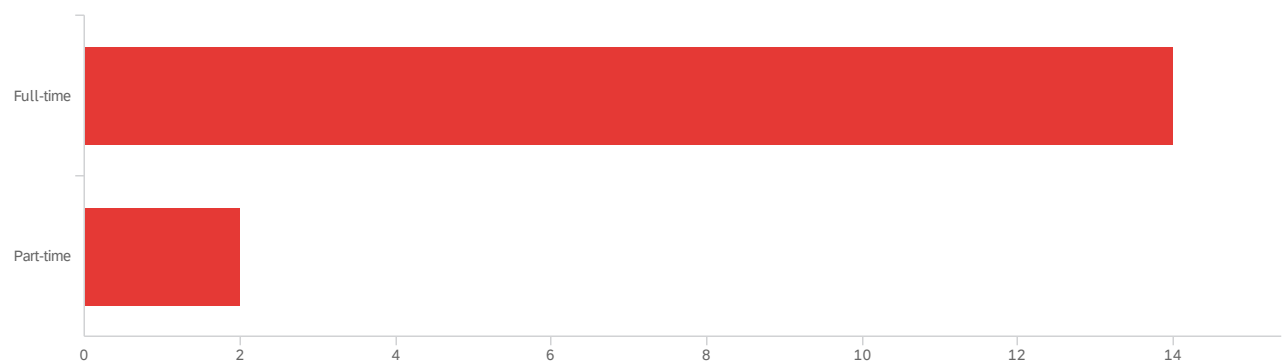
Marriage and Family Therapist/Owner, Officer

Mental Health Counselor

Q5 - In what state are you currently employed?

In what state are you currently employed?
TN
Kentucky
KY
Kentucky
KY
Michigan and Indiana
Kentucky
Kentucky
Indiana
KY
KY
Kentucky
Kentucky
Kentucky
New Mexico
KY

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



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Full-time	87.50% 14
2	Part-time	12.50% 2

16

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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 month (prior to graduation)

0

0

was hired after internship, so I already had a job after I graduated

0

5

1

0- graduated already employed

0

0, offered before I graduated

I found a job placement the month before I graduated.

0

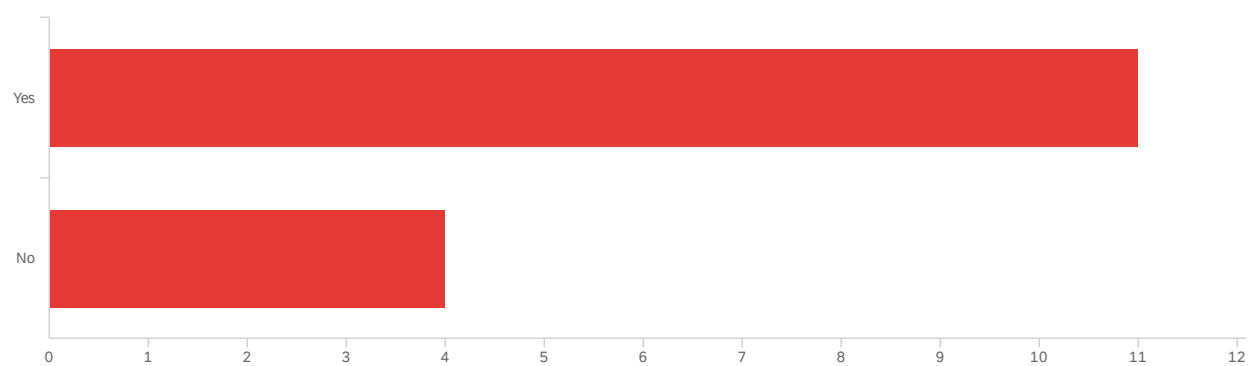
less than 1

73

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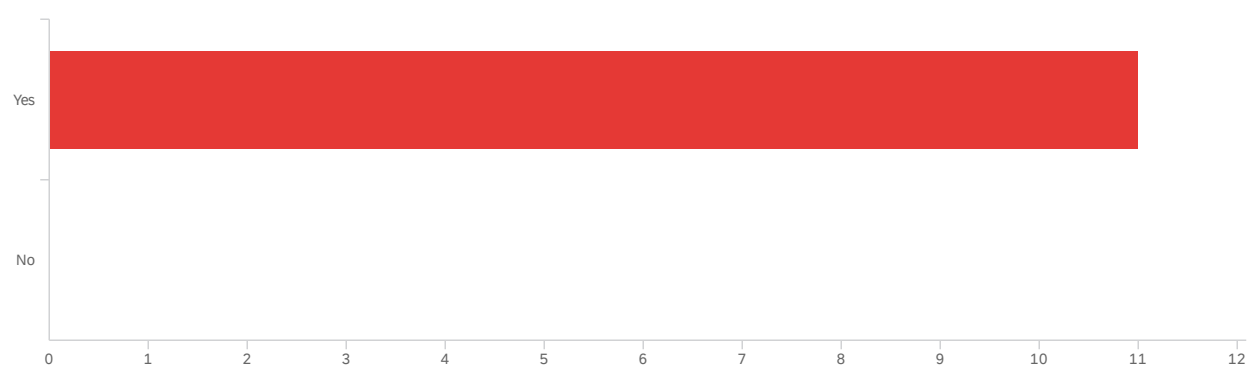
I had a job secured 4 months before graduation

Q8 - Have you taken the National Certified Counselor exam?



#	Field	Choice	Count
1	Yes	73.33%	11
2	No	26.67%	4

Q9 - If so, did you pass it?

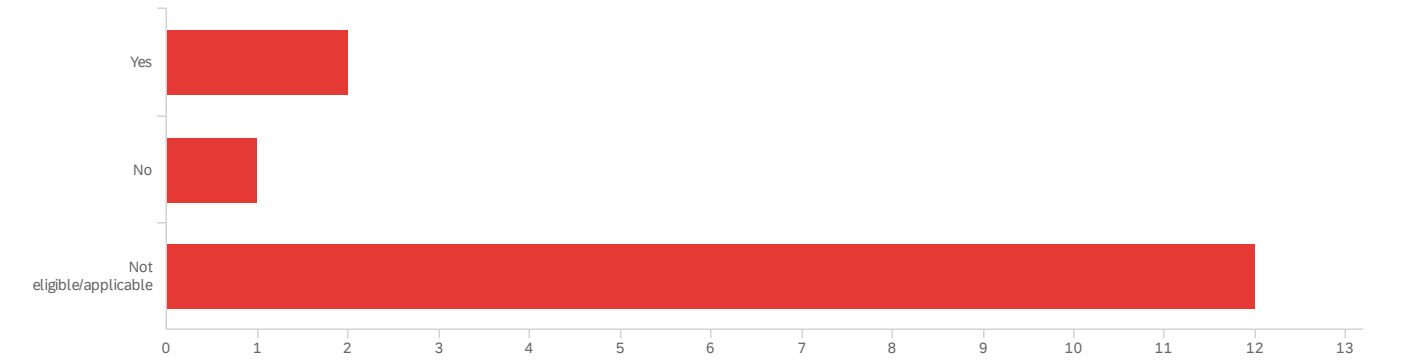


#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Yes	100.00%	11
2	No	0.00%	0

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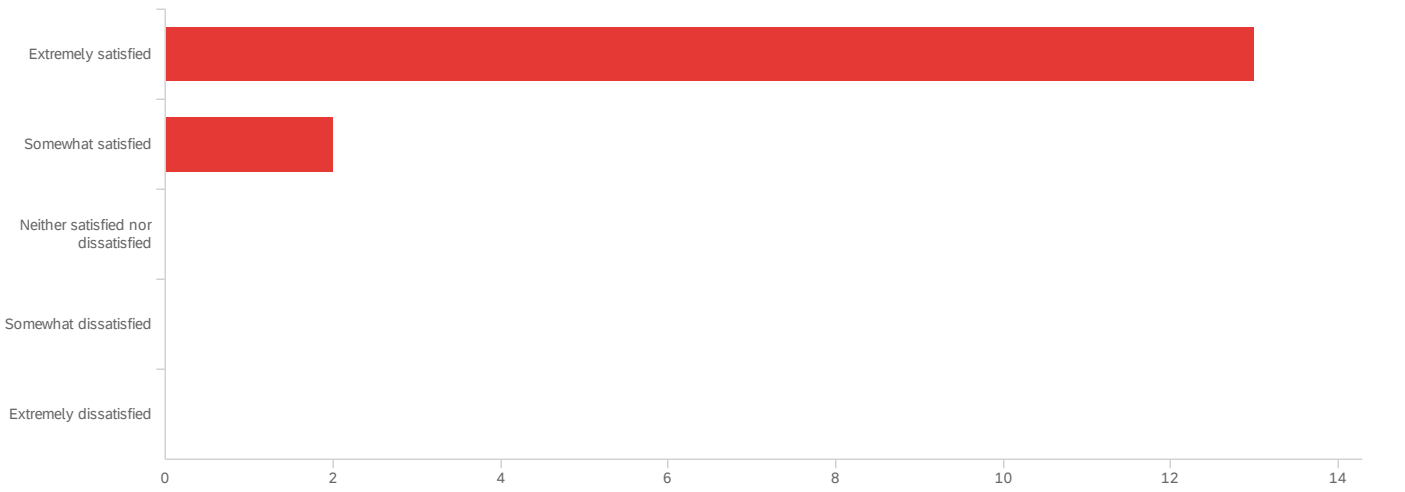
Q10 - If you were eligible to become a school counselor, did you take obtain your School Counseling certification?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes	13.33% 2
2	No	6.67% 1
3	Not eligible/applicable	80.00% 12
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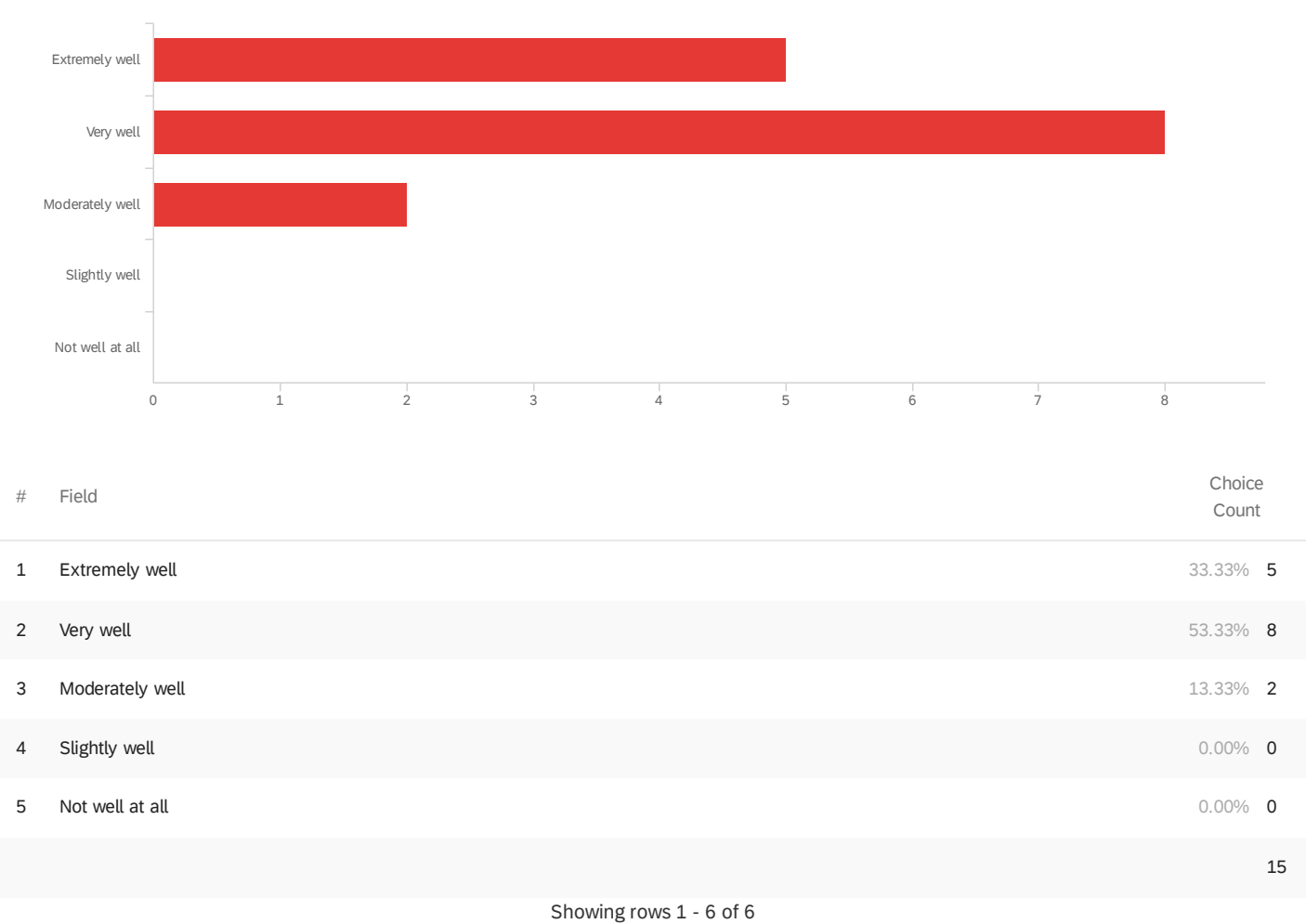
Q11 - How satisfied are you with your experience in the WKU counseling program?



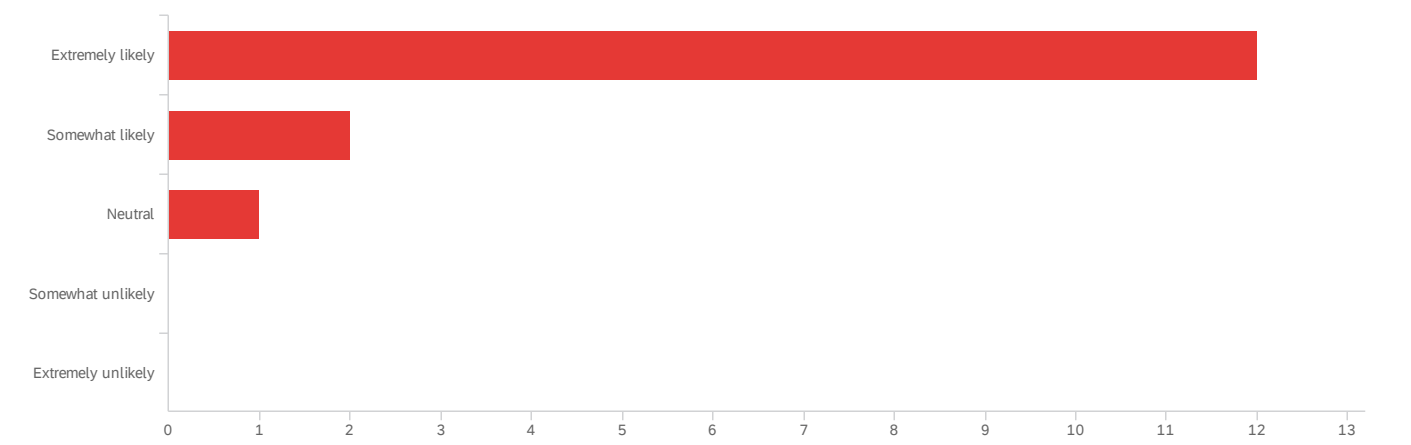
#	Field	Choice Count
1	Extremely satisfied	86.67% 13
2	Somewhat satisfied	13.33% 2
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0.00% 0
4	Somewhat dissatisfied	0.00% 0
5	Extremely dissatisfied	0.00% 0
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Q12 - How well did WKU counseling program prepare you for working in the field?



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



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Extremely likely	80.00% 12
2	Somewhat likely	13.33% 2
3	Neutral	6.67% 1
4	Somewhat unlikely	0.00% 0
5	Extremely unlikely	0.00% 0
		15

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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...

Amazing professors and quality classes and coursework to prepare students to work in counseling field.

Systems and couples perspectives lacking in other degrees/tracks

great staff

Connection with the students and availability of the professors to advise and mentor those in the counseling program.

The availability of the teachers. Being able to complete the NCC exam while in the program.

Professors and supervisors of internship sites.

The faculty. They ensured that we were the best we could be and worked hard to teach and guide us.

The faculty, the support, and the diversity of each cohort

Interactive Classes, open + honest professors

Connection to professors, relationships with other students due to small class sizes, and in-person practice or certain techniques.

Variety of techniques we learned in both text form and through experiences with the professors

The professors have such a variety of backgrounds and experiences! Their knowledge and passion to teach pushed me to challenge myself and grow in so many ways. In person classes (compared to some programs who are primarily or completely online) allowed me better experience in practicing my skills.

The in-person classes where we were able to practice.

The support given by faculty and the encouragement to reach farther, to never stop growing.

When I graduated in 2015 we had a good base for counseling skills and evidenced based theories.

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

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No suggestions at this time

Increased focus/additional courses in techniques, work in clinical/medical settings, theory for individual and systems.

none

It's hard to say since it's been 13 years, but there was not much I would have changed even back then. I am concerned with the school possibly limiting viewpoints and/ or acquiescing to one ideology over others.

None

More options for electives and shadowing in different areas, such as addictions, CMH, PP.

None.

Not so much an improvement as a suggestion but bringing back school counseling. I would definitely consider returning to get a degree in that.

Communication could have been better when I was there, it may be different now. Communication from professors to classes and general announcements about the program

Professors responding to students in a timely manner, preparing students more for ethical situations (reporting to CPS, how to handle DV, etc.), providing more information on how to actually become a school counselor.

Expanding the learning and hands-on practices of note-taking

Change the school counselor program back to the way it was. Allow students a choice if they want to go into school counseling or counseling.

A major concern I see in the mental health and wellness field is the lack of quality and evidenced based training for coaches, I think CACREP programs in general could play a pivotal role helping grow and legitimize that subfield more. I am also growing frustrated at the million credentialings that "people" are marketing.. I really think educational institutions are doing a disservice to our field by not being more infront and designing and offering credentialing tracks that HAVE backing of legitimate research and/or deep grounding in theory.

I supervise clinical interns from this program. In the least year the students have told me that they do not feel the program focuses on many evidenced practices. They believe "it depends on the professors views".

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...

N/A

It was very convenient and easily accessible. The online books were somewhat of a hit or miss but the overall experience was very good and made it possible to reach my goal of graduating when I did.

N/A

NA

I appreciated the offer of zoom classes. For the most part they were easy to figure out and felt like we were completing the same things we would do in an in-person class! One or two of my zoom classes only met a few times (not the classes intended to meet only a few times a semester) and that felt unfair due to the price of online classes.

I enjoyed that the online courses I took at the time had online zoom meetings; they weren't strictly digital. There are no standout complaints of the online courses I took.

n/a

I too 1 zoom class for career counseling due to it only being offered online at the time. It would have been better in person.

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

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