



New Format of the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination

CCE and the NBCC Assessments Team are always looking for opportunities to continue developing our examinations in line with the newest innovations and best practices in the testing and credentialing industries. We are excited to announce a new format change to the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) that will be tested in the January 2024 publication of the examination.

For the January 2024 publication of the CPCE, 50% of the questions on the examination will be 3-response—option multiple-choice questions, and 50% of the questions will retain the 4-response—option format. Multiple-choice questions with 3 response options are supported by research and appear to have favorable psychometric properties. To explore the use of this format on future examinations, we are evaluating both formats within the January 2024 examination form.

What this change means for you:

- All candidates who test between January 2024 and July 2024 will test on an examination form with a mixture of 3-response and 4-response multiple-choice questions.
- Candidates will not know which questions are scored or unscored, so equal effort should be given to each examination item irrespective of the number of response options.
- Item performance will be evaluated at the end of January to determine which items will be scored and unscored.
- Candidates will not receive unofficial score reports immediately after testing.
- Candidates who test in January will need to wait until mid-February to receive their scores.
- Score reports will be sent to university partners and uploaded to the Score Portal after approximately 2 weeks for all other candidates.
- This format will be evaluated, and any further changes will be announced before the August 2024 publication.

If you have any questions about this change or how it impacts you, please contact the CPCE Coordinator at cpce@cce-global.org.