

Academic Year 2023–2024

Program Data Type 6 – Candidacy Endorsements

Data collected regarding candidacy endorsement include the number of Candidacy Applications completed by students, and the number of applications denied or endorsed by student Faculty Advisors. Applications must be signed by Advisors, and endorsement is based on a student having met the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of academic requirements for all pre-requisite courses (minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.500 including preparatory and/or accepted transfer credits)
2. Successful completion of Clinical Practicum course (minimum grade of B and meets/exceeds standards on Supervisor Evaluation Form)
3. Satisfactory completion of Student Counseling Requirement (verified by Center Director)
4. Met all Key Learning Objective Standards (verified by KLO Assessment portfolio) - *Benchmark is set at 2.0 (Meeting Standard)*
5. Met all Key Professional Disposition Standards (verified by KPD Assessment portfolio) - *Benchmark is set at 2.0 (Meeting Standard)*

Candidacy Endorsement data are collected at the end of every semester; depending on the reason a Candidacy Application is denied, the student may be required to complete further remediation, and have internship postponed or denied. Candidacy Endorsement data are reviewed annually by MHC Program faculty and staff, and every three years by the interdisciplinary MHC Program Assessment Committee, and recommendations are then forwarded to MHC program faculty, advisors, and administrators.

MHC Candidacy Application/Endorsement Annual Data Report

| Candidacy Applications | 2018–2019 | 2019–2020 | 2020–2021 | 2021–2022 | 2022–2023 | 2023–2024 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Applications Filed | 17 | 2 | 14 | 18 | 21 | 25 |
| 2. Applications Denied | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Applications Endorsed | 17 | 2 | 14 | 18 | 21 | 25 |

Candidacy endorsement data for 2023–2024 showed 25 of candidacy applications filed during the last academic year were endorsed, reflecting that 100% of MHC students entered the final year of their MHC program having satisfactorily met all prerequisite benchmarks in knowledge, skills and dispositions.

Improvements/Modifications Recommended:

The MHC faculty acknowledged that because of where the candidacy process falls in the academic life cycle of a student, the process of candidacy endorsement is not a sufficient gatekeeping check for students having completed the required credit hours prior to graduation. This is monitored in collaboration with the office of Registrar, and this coming AY the MHC faculty will meet with the Registrar to determine an intermediary check for required credits early in a student's final year in the program when there is time left to remediate any outstanding credits or courses yet to be completed.