The Counselor Education Department at Kean University is pleased to announce that we are a regionally accredited testing center for the National Counselor (NCE) exam. The NCE exam is part of the qualifying process for the National Certified Counselor (NCC) Credentials offered by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). The NCC is the most basic form of counseling credential and should not be confused with state licensure. In many instances, both exams require the same procedure. However, the NCC is a master's level, voluntary credential held by many counselors in addition to their state licensure. It is important to note that the NCC credential isn't required for independent practice AND is NOT the same or substitute for a state licensure to practice.

NCC For Graduate Students:

The NCC for graduate level students provides an avenue for currently enrolled students as well as recent graduates to start the application process for national certification. There are several benefits available to graduate students who apply for the NCC exam. Some of the benefits available to graduate students are:

1) Lower NCC application fee
2) Access to reduce rates on student liability exam
3) Increase professional identity and pride
4) Convenient on-campus testing site.

It is compulsory for counselors who hold the NCC credential to have a qualifying master's or doctoral degree, pass a national exam, adhere to strict codes of ethics, and participate in continuing education activities.