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### **UT Tyler Psychology Grads Score Highest on State Exam**

Graduates of The University of Texas at Tyler master's program in psychology scored higher than students in any other public university in Texas on the Licensed Professional Counselor exam, Dr. Rodney Mabry, UT Tyler president, announced.

Over a three-year reporting period from September 2000 to August 2003, 100 percent of UT Tyler testers passed the exam to become licensed professional counselors, according to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Licensed Professional Counselors.

The average score of UT Tyler students taking the exam was 85.9, the highest of all public universities in the state. Students from Texas A&M University at College Station scored an average of 85.1. The University of Texas at Austin's average score was 85.0.

UT Tyler students also scored the second highest of all Texas private and public universities on the exam, according to statistics of the LPC board.

"...", Dr. Mabry said.

"...", said Dr. Henry Schreiber, chair of the UT Tyler psychology department.

The LPC board maintains statistics on the scores and percentage passing of candidates from 57 public and private universities in Texas.

Licensed professional counselors constitute the largest group of master's and doctoral level mental health practitioners in Texas. The license requires a 48

credit-hour master's degree in a field related to counseling, passing the examination and an extensive initial period of supervised practice.

The UT Tyler Department of Psychology offers two degree plans at the undergraduate level and three graduate-level degrees. Undergraduate degrees include the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science in psychology. Opportunities for study at the graduate level include the master of science in clinical psychology, master of arts in counseling psychology and master of arts in school counseling.