

COUNSELOR LINK

IUP Counseling Program Bulletin

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The Counselor Link is available to all current Counseling students during the Fall and Spring semesters to apprise them of important dates and events. Counselor Link will no longer be mailed to students, but can be accessed online at the following website:
www.iup.edu/counseling/students.

2010 SPRING SCHEDULE

COUN 615	Cnsl Across Lifespan	T	4:45 — 7:15	COUN 659	Group Cnsl Prctm-Adol/Adult	R	7:20 — 9:50
COUN 617	Basic Counseling Skills	W	4:45 — 7:15	COUN 669	Group Cnsl Prctm-Child	T	4:45 — 7:15
COUN 618	Multicultural & Diversity	R	4:45 — 7:15	COUN 670	Hum Sexuality Issues in Cns	R	4:45 — 7:15
COUN 627	Child Cnsl & Cnsl Theo	T	7:20 — 9:50	COUN 720	Ethical & Legal Iss in Sch Cns		ONLINE
COUN 628	Mgmt of Prof Sch Cnsl		ONLINE	COUN 730	Ethical & Leg Iss in Comm	W	4:45 — 7:15
COUN 634	Assess Procedures/Comm Cns	W	7:20 — 9:50	COUN 755	Internship	M	4:45 — 7:15
COUN 637	Counseling & Consult Theor	M	7:20 — 9:50	COUN 755	Internship	T	4:45 — 7:15
COUN 639	Group Theory Adol/Adult	R	7:20 — 9:50				
COUN 657	Indiv Cnsl Prctm-Adol/Adult	W	7:20 — 9:50				
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Registration for Spring classes begins on Monday, November 2nd, 2009 at 9:00 am. Please see your advisor to obtain your banner pin prior to this date. Reminder: Seats in practicum tend to fill very quickly. THERE WILL BE A LATE REGISTRATION FEE!!

NOTE: This is not an official Departmental course schedule. Please consult URSA for such a schedule.

School Counseling Majors – Take the PRAXIS Now!!!

Since the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) instituted the PRAXIS as a requirement for school counselors, school counseling majors are encouraged to take the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PRAXIS PPST) as early in their program as possible. This test measures skills such as math, reading, and writing (these are the only three that need to be taken). Taking this test early provides an opportunity to retake the exam should you not meet the qualifying score. The PRAXIS PPST test may be taken on computer at the IUP Career Services Center by appointment. The School Guidance and Counseling Subject Exam (the required PRAXIS subject test) should be taken during Internship. Applications can be obtained from Career Services in Pratt Hall (724-357-2235).

MANDATORY Pre-Practicum Meeting

Indiana Campus:

1. COUN 657 (Individual Practicum-Adult) and COUN 659 (Group Practicum-Adult). The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 4:15-4:45 in Room 258 Stouffer.
2. COUN 667 Individual Practicum-Child. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 4:45-5:30 in 258 Stouffer.

Field Experience- Summer 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011

Students who are planning to enroll in field experience (internship) in Summer 2010, Fall 2010 or Spring 2011 must attend a MANDATORY Field Experience Orientation Meeting on Monday, February 1st at 5:30 pm (Penn Center) or Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:20 pm (Indiana). At this time, students will sign up for field experience, learn about requirements, complete initial forms, and be provided with paperwork submission deadlines.

Center for Counselor Training Services (CCTS) Workshops

Here's an opportunity for students to be a part of continuing education NOW! Two CCTS workshops will be offered this semester. "Helping Teens and Families Manage Self-Injurious Behaviors" will be presented by Kim Poling, LCSW, from the STAR-Center in Pittsburgh, and Tina Goldstein, Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. This workshop will be held on Friday, November 13, 2009, at the CCAC-Boyce Campus in Monroeville. A second workshop will be held on campus and will feature internationally renowned David Jobes, Ph.D., who will address "Clinical Suicidology: Assessing and Treating Suicidal Clients." This will be held on Friday, November 20 in Eberly Auditorium. The early registration fee (by October 23) for students is \$20. For more information or to register, please contact CCTS at 724-357-3807.

Center for Counselor Training Services (CCTS) Presentations

Mark your calendar for the Spring 2010 semester workshops, too. "Group Work in Reality Therapy" will be presented by Robert Wubbolding, Ph.D., one of the foremost experts on reality therapy, on Friday, February 12. Dr. Garry Landreth, a pioneer in play therapy, will offer "Child-Parent Relationship Therapy" on April 9 & 10. Further information will be available in January.

Graduate Student Administration of the National Counseling Exam (GSA-NCE)

The GSA-NCE will be administered at the IUP Main Campus on April 17, 2010. Students who participate in the Board Eligible GSA-NCE have the advantage of taking the NCE at a reduced rate. Application packets will soon be available in 206 Stouffer Hall. The completed application, forms, and fee must be submitted to 206 Stouffer Hall by 5 p.m. on Tuesday December 8, 2009. (Do not send your forms to NBCC). In order to register for this exam, you must be a currently enrolled student or a December 2009 graduate. Important Note: Students who graduate more than six months prior to the exam date are NOT eligible to participate in the GSA program and would have to apply independently as a non-student for the NCC credential.

George Spinelli Scholarship

The George Spinelli Scholarship applications will be available in 206 Stouffer Hall and at the front desk at Penn Center in February, 2010. The scholarship is given each year in May and is typically around \$1,500 distributed in one or two awards. An applicant must be in the Counseling program and have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of course work in the Department by the time of application. An applicant must plan to be enrolled in the Fall, 2010 semester. Please contact Dr. Stacy Carone, scarone@iup.edu for more information.

Outstanding Student Award

The Janet Fontaine Outstanding Student Award nomination forms will be posted in Stouffer Hall and at the Penn Center campus in late October, 2009. Nominations will be accepted for outstanding IUP counseling students through March, 2010. December, 2009 graduates are eligible, however the award will be given at the May, 2010 Department of Counseling commencement ceremony. Self-nominations are welcome. Please contact Dr. Stacy Carone, scarone@iup.edu, for more information.

Assistantship Opportunities

If you are interested in being considered for a graduate assistantship position for 2010-2011, please complete an application on IUP's School of Graduate Studies and Research website by March 15, 2010 at the latest. Graduate assistants must be enrolled full-time (at least 9 credit hours) and work 10 or 20 hours/week with a counseling faculty member during weekday hours. They typically receive tuition waiver and stipend. Contact Dr. Stacy Carone for more information: scarone@iup.edu.

Chi Sigma Iota

Interested in a counseling academic and professional honor society? Contact Dr. Bruno at michelle.bruno@iup.edu to get involved in this society that promotes scholarship, research, professionalism, and excellence in counseling.

CCTS Advisory Board

Looking for a way to get involved and add something to your resume? Students are needed for the CCTS Advisory Board! There's minimal involvement—the Board meets for one hour per semester. Board members can also attend CCTS events for free! All that is needed is your input and ideas about coming events and other CCTS topics. If interested, please see Dr. McCarthy.

Record and Registration Holds

To view holds on your record, which will inhibit you from registering courses, go to URSA and click on “Student Services and Financial Aid”, once here, go to “Academic Records” then click on “View Holds”? If you have a hold on your record contact the Registrar at 724-357-2217 or via email at registrars-office@iup.edu for an explanation or the director of Graduate Records, Lori Harkleroad at 724-357-2222 or via email at graduate-admissions@iup.edu. Be sure to get this taken care of before it is too late to register.

Penn Center Electives

Electives listed for a specific cohort are restricted. To receive priority for these seats, cohort students must register for their cohort elective on the first day of registration, Nov. 2nd. ***The course will open up to other students on Nov. 3rd at 9:00 a.m.*** These electives include: COUN 672 (501) Family Issues (Cohort 9), and COUN 681 (502) School Counselor and Students w/ Disabilities (Cohort 4).
