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Department of Counseling 2022 Annual Report

M.A. Clinical Mental Health Counseling

M.Ed. School Counseling

Hello IUP Master's Program Stakeholders,

Time is flying and IUP's Department of Counseling has had yet another productive and exciting year! We are happy to share with you updates from both our Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling programs. Both programs experienced continued growth and success during the 2021-2022 academic year. We remain grateful for your ongoing support of the Department and know that we couldn't do what we do without the support of our current students, faculty, alumni, supervisors, administrators, and other community partners.

The Department has celebrated many graduates since our last Annual Report and we held virtual departmental ceremonies in December 2021 and May 2022. See below for the number of graduates by semester and program for the 2021-2022 academic year:

Semester	Number of Graduates
May 2022	18
December 2021	17
August 2021	14
Total 2021-2022 Graduates	49 Total (28 MA and 21 MEd)

Assessment

We are thrilled to report that in our last testing cycle, 100% of students and alumni who took the National Counselor Exam (NCE) passed it. In addition, 100% of students and alumni passed the PRAXIS II-Professional School Counselor Exam. The Department recognizes these major accomplishments and know that they are representative of both the high-level training provided at IUP and their own personal hard work and dedication. We are so proud to be a part of their journey and celebrate their success!

Summary of Program Evaluation Results

In last year's Annual Report, Department faculty detailed their plans for ensuring the continuous improvement of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and revising curriculum to meet our ever-evolving expectations for graduate-level counselors. This work is ongoing and continues to involve the input of faculty members, current students, graduates, and community stakeholders. Most recently, we collected annual survey data from alumni, employers, and site supervisors and we look forward to compiling, reviewing, and incorporating this valuable information as we move forward into the new academic year.

Although this past year, like so many before it, has been characterized by several new transitions, it has also represented a time of departmental stabilization and a renewed sense of cohesion among core faculty. Together, we have accomplished a great deal, including:

1. The successful installation and early implementation of a new VALT clinical recording system at both Indiana and Pittsburgh East campuses. This system replaces the outdated LANDRO equipment and will be used primarily in our clinical courses.
2. The establishment of a partnership with Cambria County's Drug and Alcohol Commission and the REACH agency to provide paid school-based mental health internships for our Clinical Mental Health Counseling students.
3. A tremendously successful and engaged first year for our departmental chapter of Counselors for Social Justice.
4. The revamping of our master's admissions process to bolster our recruitment of high-level, competitive MA and MEd applicants.
5. The facilitation of several curricular revisions designed to help each student's plan of study better reflect the realities of engaging in contemporary counseling work.
6. The updating of our website and social media presence to provide current departmental news and spotlight the work of students and alumni on a more regular basis.

Faculty look forward to continuing their collective work on these and other upcoming departmental initiatives, as well as their ongoing collaborations with the alumni, employers, and site supervisors who continue to generously support our students.

Other Program Developments

In addition to the myriad successes outlined above, there were several other significant departmental happenings in 2022. In May, Dr. Bruno departed for her new position out-of-state, where we hope she's enjoying her new endeavor to the fullest! As a result, we were fortunate to be granted administrative approval to hire a full-time temporary faculty member for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year. IUP Counselor Education and Supervision alum, Dr. Bethany Williams Dzimiera, will join us in the Fall 2022 semester and will be teaching master's-level courses at both Indiana and Pittsburgh East. We were also able to offer two of our current doctoral students, Katrina McAninch and Mark LeVan, part-time temporary faculty positions at both campuses. We eagerly welcome all three to our team!

In other news, we are excited to report that our Pittsburgh East facilities have undergone major renovations throughout the past several months, resulting in an entirely new use of the space! We look forward to having a few new programs and staff members join us at this location. There have been several shifts in faculty offices at the Indiana campus, as well. We hope you'll stop by and visit when you can!

Overall, our admissions numbers remain robust and Department faculty have worked hard to maintain IUP's reputation for training THE best counselors in western PA! We have sincerely appreciated your ongoing support and look forward to sharing what comes next in our 2023 Annual Report, when we'll be heading toward our next CACREP re-accreditation cycle. Until then, take care and continue all the remarkable work we know you're all doing.

Warmly,
IUP Department of Counseling Faculty