2016-2017 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

Due November 1st, 2016

Name of College	Name	of	Col	lege
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College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Name of Department/Unit

School of Applied Human Sciences

Program

School/Mental Health Counseling

Department/Unit Mission

Our academic vision for the School is to engage students in rigorous and high quality programs of study that prepare students for advanced graduate study or participation in the workforce as leaders and highly trained and skilled professionals. To accomplish this, our vision also entails students being exposed to up-to-date classroom technology and relevant content, high caliber instruction, multifaceted learning opportunities and faculty of excellence.

Program Learning Goals

Provide a comprehensive list of department/unit/program learning goals

The Master of Arts degree in Counseling is designed to prepare graduates to work with diverse populations in our complex society. The Counseling degree offers two areas of specialization: the school counseling specialization qualifies candidates to be eligible for the guidance counseling K-12 certification; and the second specialization in clinical mental health counseling qualifies candidates to be eligible to take the National Counselor Exam (NCE) and make them eligible to be licensed clinical mental health counselors. Both specializations are accredited by the Council of Accredited Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and grounded in the eight basic accrediting areas: professional orientation and ethical practice, social and cultural diversity, human growth and development, career development, helping relationships, group work, assessment, and research and program evaluation.

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Follow-Up Report on Changes Recommended in 2014-2015

This section recognizes that assessment can result in extended actions that span more than one academic year. As such, this section provides the opportunity to comment on any on-going actions that are the result of the previous year's assessment findings.

Learning Outcome(s) Assessment

Identify the learning outcome(s) you assessed in 2014-2015

For Learning Outcome(s) Assessment see first column of table below.

Use of Assessment Findings to Improve Student Learning

Describe any changes to courses, curriculum, assessment plan, learning outcomes or other actions taken last year as a result of your **2014-2015** assessment findings.

Overall, the same Learning Outcomes remained the same for the 2015-2016 as a result of the assessment findings.

2015-2016 Assessment Activities

Outcome

Identify the learning outcome(s) that you are measuring

Enter information here

Assessment Procedures

Include brief description of what is to be assessed/measured

Date(s) of administration. Description of sample.

Name and/or brief description of the instruments/rubrics being used for **direct assessment**.

Attach copy of the instrument to this document (if appropriate).

Name and/or brief description of the instruments/rubrics being used for **indirect assessment**. Attach a copy of the instrument to this document (if appropriate).

- See first column entitled Student Learning Outcome to be Assessed for brief description of what is to be assessed.
- Name and description of rubrics/instruments used for direct assessment:
 - Progress Review Evaluation Form-used at the end of the year to evaluate the progress of the student in terms of professional dispositions and academic progress.
 - o Group Evaluation--used twice a semester during the Group Counseling course to measure the development and progress of counseling skills in a group setting.

- Professional Counseling Performance Evaluation Form--used by the Practicum, Internship, and Counseling Skills instructors to measure the development of counseling skills and mastery of counseling theories during these clinical courses. It is administered twice during the semester.
- Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE)--National standardized exam used by CACREP accredited program as an exit requirement for completion of master's program. It contains 160 questions and 136 are used for purposes of students' academic knowledge evaluation. The content areas are: Human Growth and Development, Social and Cultural Foundations, Helping Relationships, Group Work, Career and Lifestyle Development, Assessment, Research and Program Evaluation, and Professional Orientation and Ethics.

Summary of Findings/Data Analysis

• See summary provided below

Student Learning Outcome to be Assessed	Competency	Assessment Procedures and Dates of Administration	Summary of Findings
Students will exhibit familiarity with professional orientation and ethical practices as advocated by the American Counseling Association (ACA) Code of Ethics.	Students will demonstrate an alignment with the professional counseling identity.	Progress Review Evaluation Form Administered: End of spring semester	N= 42 99% of students met the target criterion regarding professional dispositions, with 10% exceeding expectations

Students will exhibit knowledge of group dynamics, group leadership, group development and apply these concepts in a variety of group types.	Students will demonstrate competency in facilitating groups and command of intervention skills.	Group Evaluation Form Administered: End of spring semester	N=21 Students were rated on their demonstration of group counseling skills: 100% mastered a total of 10-12 skills
Students will be able to implement basic and advanced counseling techniques in the framework of helping relationships.	Students will demonstrate command of counseling techniques at the basic and advanced levels.	Counselor-in-Trainin g Evaluation of Skills (CITES) (Practicum/Internshi p courses) Administered: End of fall and spring semester	N=32 99% of students met the expected criteria, with 56% exceeding expectations
Students will show command of counseling theories and how to conceptualize cases from a wellness perspective.	Students will be able to implement the knowledge about counseling theories and conceptualize cases from a wellness perspective.	Counselor-in-Trainin g Evaluation of Skills (CITES) (Practicum/Internshi p courses) Administered: End of fall and spring semesters	N=32 99% of students met the expected criteria, with 34% exceeding expectations

Students will	Students will	Counselor	Spring 2017: N=13
provide illustrations	demonstrate	Preparation	UNI Mean:97.85
of human growth	knowledge of	Comprehensive	
and developmental	human growth and	Examination (CPCE)	UNI Cutoff
theories framed in	Developmental		Score:70.34
the principles of	principles using the	Administered: Fall,	
assessment and	principles of	end of October.	100% met UNI
appraisal.	assessment and	Spring, end of	cutoff score
	evaluation.	March. Reports	
		generated by the	National
		NCE/CPCE and sent	Mean:87.13
		directly to the	
		program with	85% met national
		statistical analysis.	mean score
			15% did not meet
			national mean
			score
			Fall 2016: N=8
			UNI Mean:91
			UNI Cutoff
			Score:70.34
			3core.70.34
			88% met UNI
			cutoff score
			12% did not meet
			UNI cutoff score
			National
			Mean:87.13
			-
			63% met National
			Mean Score
			39% did not meet
			National Mean
			Score

Students will	Students will	Professional	N=32
illustrate the	demonstrate the	Counseling	
importance of	infusion of	Performance	100% of
multicultural issues	multicultural	Evaluation Form	practicum and
in the counseling profession when	principles in	(Practicum/Internshi	internship
working with	counseling	p courses)	students met the
diverse clients.	interventions.		expected criteria,
divorce ellerite.		Administered: End of	with 50%
		fall and spring	exceeding their
		semesters	supervisor's
			expectations

Methods for Sharing Assessment Information

If information related to various outcomes is delivered in more than one way, include explanations of how the differing outcomes were reported.

- Results of national exams are shared with students as it is a required Exit Exam. Results are also conveyed by the Graduate College via a formal letter.
- Results of evaluations and rubrics are provided by instructors of courses.
- Also, overall results are posted online for all constituents connected to the program.