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CACREP Accreditation!



The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) has granted accreditation to all three tracks of Messiah College's M.A. in Counseling program. CACREP is the national accrediting agency for graduate-level degree programs in counselor education that demonstrate prescribed levels of academic and professional excellence.

"CACREP accreditation not only distinguishes Messiah's M.A. in Counseling program with employers and licensing boards, but it can also streamline significant opportunities for our graduates," said Dr. John Addleman, director of the graduate program in counseling. "We're pleased to be able to provide this type of national recognition for our program's faculty, students and alumni."

New Faculty Members

The Counseling Department of Messiah College is pleased to announce the hiring of Deedre Mitchell, who will begin her full-time teaching duties this semester.

Deedre Mitchell is currently a Doctoral Candidate in the Counselor Education and Supervision Ph.D. program at Regent University. She completed her master's degree in School Counseling at Loyola University in Maryland.

She has worked as a certified school counselor in various school settings for almost 10 years. In addition to this, she has worked in private practice, providing individual counseling to various age groups.

Professional research and counseling interests include the role of the school counselor, school counselor job satisfaction, and school counselor best practices, as well as crisis intervention and trauma in the schools.

Join me in welcoming Deedre Mitchell to the Counseling Program!



New Faculty Cont.



The Counseling Department of Messiah College is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Carol McGinnis. Dr. McGinnis has a BA in Psychology with a minor in Theology, an MA in Counseling Psychology, and a PhD in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University in Maryland. In addition, and just for fun, Dr. McGinnis is completing another Master's degree, this time in Cybersecurity (you will need to ask her about that one).

Dr. McGinnis is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in Maryland. Her clinical work experience has included time with the Baltimore County Police Counseling team, the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, and mobile/clinic work with the Main Street Community Mental Health Center in Reisterstown Maryland.

Dr. McGinnis tells us that her "clinical passion is oriented around serving clients who struggle with anger and in exploring the potential of virtual world interaction in the field of counseling."

Join me in welcoming Carol McGinnis to the Counseling Program!



Dr. Kristin Mouttet is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (Virginia) and Licensed Professional Counselor (District of Columbia) who earned a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from Regent University, a M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy, and Community Counseling from John Brown University, and a B.A in Communication from Seattle Pacific University.

Dr. Mouttet worked for 6 years with university students in various capacities, 2 years as counselor in the Messiah College counseling center. Dr. Mouttet also worked for nearly 3 years with children and families providing in-home family therapy through a community mental health agency.

Dr. Mouttet has taught both face-to-face and online graduate courses at Regent University (2007, 2008) and Messiah College (2010). She also works in a private practice group, Cornerstone Family Counseling, where she sees client issues such as premarital, marital, family, women's issues, children and adolescents. Research interests include: forgiveness, sexuality, marital, and supervision.

Join me in welcoming Dr. Kristin Mouttet to the Counseling Program!

Messiah's College's Chapter, Mu Chi Alpha



Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) is “an international honor society that values academic and professional excellence in counseling. Their mission is to promote scholarship”

Member Benefits

- *Looks great on a resume
- *Three issues of the Exemplar annually
- *Affiliation with local or nearest chapter
- *Networking with members worldwide

- *Leadership Fellow and Intern programs
- *Outstanding individual awards
- *Counseling research grant programs
- *The Counselor's Bookshelf
- *Find a Counselor Registry
- Chapter activities

Membership Requirements

- *Completed at least 24 credits of graduate coursework in a counselor education degree program
- *Grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 system
- *New member dues: \$50

For More Information:

*Contact Dr. Heather Barto (Chapter Faculty Advisor) at HBarto@messiah.edu

Watch the listserv for more information on how to submit your application to become a member!



Congratulations to the first CSI Honor Society Inductees! Stephen Simmers, Hilary Flick, Stephany Coddington, Alissa Ridsen, Tammy Wills, and Jeremy Helm (also pictured, Dr. Leah Clarke and Dr. Heather Barto)

Congrats to our Recent Graduates!



- ◆ Stephany Coddington, *School Counseling*
- ◆ Ernest D'Achille Jr., *Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling*
- ◆ Melinda Desmarais, *Mental Health Counseling*
- ◆ Michael Dorward, *School Counseling*
- ◆ Shannon Fritz, *School Counseling*
- ◆ Anna-Kate Henson, *Mental Health Counseling*
- ◆ Kevin Klinger, *School Counseling*
- ◆ Jennifer Lowell, *Mental Health Counseling*
- ◆ Debra Reider, *Mental Health Counseling*
- ◆ Alissa Ridsen, *School Counseling*
- ◆ Ryan Strosser, *School Counseling*
- ◆ Tammy Wills, *Mental Health Counseling*

Upcoming Conferences

Students who started the program in January 2012 or after, are now required to attend one professional conference before they graduate.

Requirements:

- ◆ The conference must offer at least 3 hours of continuing education that is equivalent to your future license/certification.
- ◆ The length of the conference must be at least a half day and it must be attended in person.
- ◆ The conference will need to be approved by your advisor prior to attendance.

Click on the links below for more information on upcoming conferences!

North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

2012 NARACES Regional Conference

September 27-September 30, 2012

Location: Niagara Falls-Sheraton

Pennsylvania Counseling Association

44th Annual PCA Conference

October 19-October 21, 2012

State College, PA

Pennsylvania School Counseling Association

57th Annual 2011 PSCA Conference

School Counselors: Beacons of Light through Changes and Challenges

November 29-December 1, 2012

Lancaster, PA

American Mental Health Counselors Association

American Mental Health Counselors Association Annual Conference

July 18-July 20, 2013

Location: Washington, DC

American Counseling Association

ACA 2013 Annual Conference & Exposition

March 21-March 24, 2013

Cincinnati, OH

American School Counselor Association

2013 Annual Conference

“Liberty and Learning for All”

June 30-July 3, 2013

Philadelphia, PA

