

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, October 14, 2011

DECISION ITEM A-1:

Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling To Be Offered by Indiana University-Purdue University through Its Columbus Campus

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Mental Health Counseling to be offered by Indiana University-Purdue University through its Columbus campus, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, September 30, 2011; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, September 30, 2011

Background

If approved, this program would be the second master's degree program offered by Indiana University's Columbus campus. (The first, a Master of Business Administration, was approved by the Commission in September 2000.)

The proposed program is designed to prepare individuals to become Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC). The State of Indiana requires a candidate to have graduated from a 60-credit hour master's program in order to qualify for licensure. Graduates of the program will also be qualified to become licensed by the state as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and to achieve national certification as Case Manager.

The curriculum of the program has also been designed to achieve accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the major accrediting body in this area. In the public sector, Indiana currently has CACREP-accredited programs, which prepare individuals to become LMHCs, at Ball State University, Indiana State University, and Indiana University Bloomington, but none in southeastern Indiana.

IU Bloomington's program, the existing program closest to Columbus, preferentially admits students who have completed, or are already enrolled in, a master's in Counseling program in the School of Education at IU Bloomington or IUPUI. This practice adds an extra step and does not guarantee admission to the Education Specialist (Ed.S.) – Mental Health, which,

because of the way Bloomington structures its graduate programs, is needed to meet the licensure requirement.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 24% increase nationally in employment of mental health counselors between 2008 and 2018. Five of ten counties in southeastern Indiana have been designated as Mental Health Provider Shortage Areas by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Locally the Columbus-based Community Education Coalition has voiced strong support for the program, based on a needs assessment the organization has conducted. Centerstone, the largest community-based provider of mental health services in Indiana, which is based in Columbus, has expressed enthusiastic support for the program. A need for the program has also been identified by the Economic Opportunities 2015 (EcO₁₅) initiative of southeastern Indiana and the Eastern Indiana Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

To implement the program, the Columbus campus will hire four full-time faculty, who will be supported by tuition fees and reallocated resources. The program will be housed in Research Center, a small building (2,390 sq. ft.) that will soon be vacated and remodeled, resulting in faculty offices, an observation/control room, and other space to support the program. Dollars from the school improvement fund are currently in hand to pay for the needed remodeling.

The Mental Health Counseling master's degree will be the only program housed in the Research Center. The Columbus campus does not anticipate the need for additional space for this program over the next ten years.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Abstract - Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling To Be Offered by Indiana University-Purdue University through Its Columbus Campus, September 30, 2011*
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary – M.A. in Mental Health Counseling, September 30, 2011*

Abstract

Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling
To Be Offered by
Indiana University-Purdue University
Through Its Columbus Campus

September 30, 2011

Objectives: To prepare students to become Licensed Mental Health Counselors in Indiana following a curriculum consistent with the guidelines of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

Clientele to be Served: Students who have completed a bachelor's degree including a minimum of 15 credit hours of Psychology or behavioral science courses.

Curriculum: A total of 60 semester credit hours are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Required Courses (60 credit hours)

- Foundations of Assessment (3)
- Assessment using the DSM (3)
- Assessment Tools (3)
- Clinical Instruction (3)

- Foundations of Counseling (3)
- Multicultural Counseling (3)
- Group Counseling (3)
- Addictions Counseling (3)
- Marriage and Family Counseling (3)
- Seminar in Counseling (3)
- Crisis Management (3)

- Developmental Psychology (3)
- Psychopharmacology (3)
- Ethical, Legal, and Cultural Issues in Psychology (3)
- Research and Program Evaluation (3)
- Professional Development (3)

- Practicum (1)
- Internship I (2)
- Internship II (3)
- Internship III (3)
- Advanced Internship (3)

Employment Possibilities: Graduates can expect to gain employment in a variety of settings including behavioral healthcare centers, private practice, psychiatric hospitals, social service agencies, managed care, correctional facilities, group homes, religious organizations, state and county agencies, health maintenance organizations, and public and private school systems.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

September 30, 2011

I. Prepared by Institution

Institution/Location: Indiana University-Purdue University to be offered through its Columbus campus

Program: M.A. in Mental Health Counseling

	Year 1 FY2012	Year 2 FY2013	Year 3 FY2014	Year 4 FY2015	Year 5 FY2016
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	15	30	40	40	40
Part-Time	3	6	9	12	12
Total	18	36	49	52	52
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	15	29	38	38	38
Part-Time	2	4	6	8	8
Total	17	33	44	46	46
Degree Completions Projection	0	5	15	18	18
New State Funds Requested (Actual) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
New State Funds Requested (Increases) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

II. Prepared by CHE

New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Actual) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Increases) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CHE Code: 11-09

Campus Code: 1813

County: Bartholomew

Degree Level: 11

CIP Code: Federal – 511508; State – 511508

* Excludes new state dollars that may be provided through enrollment change funding.