

MPCAC Annual Report 2015-16

Background

Encouraged by the proceedings of two national conferences on master's Psychology in 1990 and 1994 MPAC (then known as IBAMPP) developed and implemented a voluntary accreditation process for applied masters programs in Psychology in 1995. MPAC adopted the training standards developed by the Council of Applied Masters Programs in Psychology (CAMPP) and refined at these two national conferences. In 1997, MPAC accredited its first program.

In 2009, MPAC began the process of expanding its accreditation process to include counseling programs from the field of Psychology and Education. In 2010, the Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC) was established. MPCAC is an integrated body comprised of two separate accreditation committees, the Masters in Psychology Accreditation Committee (MPAC), and the Masters in Counseling Accreditation Committee (MCAC). MPCAC serves as the accrediting body, acting upon recommendations from the separate committees. The two separate Committees, MPAC and MCAC, are responsible for reviewing applicant programs to consider their eligibility for accreditation, either as Psychology or Counseling programs. Both Committees follow agreed-upon accreditation policies and procedures, as documented in the MPCAC Accreditation Manual. MPCAC's website, www.MPCACaccreditation.org, contains the most recent accreditation manual, the updated list of accredited programs, and a list of MPCAC, MPAC and MCAC board members.

Current Status and Update

Standards Review and Update

As noted in the MPCAC Accreditation Manual, MPCAC reviews its standards and procedures at least every seven years. In 2014, MPCAC began the process of reviewing its standards in the context of its pre-application to the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Based on this review, policies and procedures were clarified but not substantially revised. MPCAC released these clarifications in a March, 2016 updated manual.

In 2015, MPCAC received notice that its pre-application to CHEA had been denied. Feedback from the reviewers of the pre-application indicated that reviewers expected one set of academic standards for counseling and clinical programs that can lead to the same license in many states. In response to this feedback, MPCAC hired a well-regarded leader in accreditation matters, Susan Zlotlow, as a consultant and worked closely with her during a comprehensive review of its academic standards. The MPAC and MCAC academic standards were combined into a draft of one set of standards that retained many of the distinctive features of each set and emphasized the common underpinnings of science based education and culturally responsive mental health services.

In fall, 2015 MPCAC held six town hall meetings with representatives from its accredited programs to review the first draft of the new academic standards. Standards were revised based on feedback received from the meetings. The second draft of standards was sent to all accredited programs via

email in early 2016. A third and final draft was sent out via email to programs in spring, 2016. MPCAC anticipates releasing this draft of academic standards for public comment in June, 2016.

Application for CHEA Recognition

CHEA is currently revising its standards and has placed a moratorium on new pre-applications until 2017. MPCAC is poised to submit its pre-application as soon as feasible after the new standards are released and continues to work closely with our consultant, Susan Zlotlow.

Fee Structure

In order to ensure financial viability and continuity of income, the program application fee has been set at \$2,000. In addition, each accredited degree program will pay a yearly maintenance fee of \$300.00.

Degree programs must continue to submit an interim report upon the fourth and eighth year of their accreditation period to address any stipulations in the accreditation report and update the Council on other major changes affecting the program.

Annual Reporting Requirements

In 2016-2017, MPCAC will move toward an annual reporting structure as is common for many CHEA recognized bodies. The yearly report will be in addition to the interim reports and will include metrics such as the number of applications, number of students enrolled (including gender/race/ethnicity/disability), number of faculty members (including gender/race/ethnicity/disability), retention rates, and number of graduates. Accredited programs will receive the annual reporting survey by email in the fall of each year.

New Board Members

MCAC welcomed Theodore Burnes back to the MCAC Board. Dr. Burnes is the Coordinator of the M.A. Program in Psychology at Antioch University in Los Angeles, California.

MPAC welcomed two new board members, Michael Murtagh and Jane Stafford. Dr. Murtagh is the Graduate Program Coordinator for the M.S. program in Counseling Psychology at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland. Dr. Stafford is the Director of the Applied Clinical Psychology Program at the University of South Carolina, Aiken.

Outgoing Board Members

Jennifer Ceminsky completed her tenure on the MPAC board. Laurie Couch resigned from her MPAC board appointment.

Current Status of Accreditations

As of June, 2016, 24 applied masters programs from a total of 22 universities were accredited by MPCAC under the MPAC standards. In 2015, two programs were reaccredited. Under the MCAC standards, 16 counseling programs from 12 universities were accredited by MPCAC. It is the Council's policy not to identify programs in the process of applying for accreditation, or pending accreditation decisions. Accredited programs are listed below.

Alphabetic Listing of Current MPCAC Accredited Programs

University at Albany

M.S. in Mental Health Counseling
Division of Counseling Psychology
Albany, New York 12222
Accreditation Dates: September, 2013 through September, 2023

Arcadia University

M. A. in Counseling / Psychology
Department of Psychology
Glenside, Pennsylvania 19038-3295
Accreditation Dates: August, 2011 through August, 2021

Augusta University (Formerly Georgia Regents University)

M.S. in Psychology, Clinical Track
Augusta, Georgia 30904
Accreditation Dates: September, 2005 through September, 2015
(one-year extension granted)

Brenau University

M.S. in Clinical Counseling Psychology
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
Accreditation Dates: January, 2007 through January, 2017

Bridgewater State University

M. A. in Psychology
Department of Psychology
Bridgewater, MA 02325
Accreditation Dates: February, 2015 through February, 2019

The Citadel

M. A. in Clinical Counseling
Department of Psychology
Charleston, South Carolina 29409
Accreditation Dates: May, 2012 through May, 2022

Columbia University, Teachers College

Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology
Counseling and Clinical Psychology Department
New York, NY 10027
Accreditation Dates: February, 2016 through February, 2020

University of Dayton

M. A. in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Dayton, Ohio 45469-1430
Accreditation Dates: February, 2008 through February, 2018

Eastern University

M.A. in Clinical Counseling
Counseling Psychology Department
St. Davids, PA 19087-3696
Accreditation Dates: August, 2014 through August, 2024

Eastern University

M.A. in School Counseling
Counseling Psychology Department
St. Davids, PA 19087-3696
Accreditation Dates: August, 2014 through August, 2024

Eastern Kentucky University

M. S. in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Richmond, Kentucky 40475
Accreditation Dates: January, 2009 through January, 2019

Felician College

M.A. in Counseling Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences
Lodi, NJ 07644
Accreditation Dates: June, 2014 through June, 2018

Fordham University

M.S.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling
Psychological and Educational Services
New York, NY 10023
Accreditation Dates: January 2015 through January, 2020

Fordham University

M.S.Ed. in School Counseling
Psychological and Educational Services
New York, NY 10023
Accreditation Dates: January 2015 through January, 2020

Francis Marion University

M. S. in Applied Psychology
Department of Psychology
Florence, South Carolina 29501-0547
Accreditation Dates: February, 2008 through February, 2018

Frostburg State University

M. S. in Counseling Psychology
Psychology Department
Frostburg, Maryland 21532
Accreditation Dates: March, 2008 through March, 2018

Hawaii Pacific University

M.A. Program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Department of Psychology
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Accreditation Dates: September, 2015 through September, 2025

University of Hawaii at Hilo

M.A. Program in Counseling Psychology (Mental Health Counseling Specialization)
Department of Psychology
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
Accreditation Dates: March, 2011 through March, 2021

University of Indianapolis

M.A. in Clinical Psychology Program
School of Psychological Sciences
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227
Accreditation Dates: July, 2015 through July, 2025

Lehigh University

M.Ed in Counseling and Human Services
Department of Education and Human Services
Bethlehem, PA 18015
Accreditation Dates: August, 2014 through August, 2024

University of Massachusetts Boston

M.S. in Mental Health Counseling
Department of Counseling and School Psychology
Boston, Massachusetts 02125
Accreditation Dates: September, 2013 through September, 2023

University of Massachusetts Boston

M.Ed in School Counseling
Department of Counseling and School Psychology
Boston, Massachusetts 02125
Accreditation Dates: September, 2013 through September, 2023

Midwestern State University

M.A. Program in Clinical and Counseling Psychology
The Department of Psychology
Wichita Falls, Texas 76308
Accreditation Dates: June, 2012 through June, 2017

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Master of Arts in Counseling and Guidance
School of Education
Kansas City, MO 64110
Accreditation Dates: February, 2014 through February, 2024

Morehead State University

M.S. Program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology
Department of Psychology
Morehead, Kentucky 40351
Accreditation Dates: April, 2011 through April 2021

Murray State University

Masters Degree Program in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Murray, Kentucky 42071
Accreditation Dates: April, 2014 through April, 2024

New Mexico Highlands University

M.S. Program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology
Department of Psychology
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701
Accreditation Dates: November, 2011 through November, 2021

New York University

M.A. in Counseling for Mental Health and Wellness
Department of Applied Psychology
New York, NY 10012
Accreditation Dates: January 2015 through January, 2025

New York University

M.A. in Counseling and Guidance
Department of Applied Psychology
New York, NY 10012
Accreditation Dates: January 2015 through January, 2025

Pittsburg State University

M. S. in Psychology (Clinical Emphasis)
Department of Psychology and Counseling
Pittsburg, Kansas 66762
Accreditation Dates: August, 2007 through August, 2017

The Sage Colleges

Master's Degrees in Community and Counseling and Community Psychology
Graduate Programs in Psychology
Troy, New York 12180
Accreditation Dates: August, 2010 through August, 2020

Saint Martin's University

M.A. in Counseling Psychology
College of Education and Counseling Psychology
Lacey, WA 98503
Accreditation Dates: September, 2015 through September, 2020

University of South Carolina Aiken

M.S. Degree in Applied Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Aiken, South Carolina 29801
Accreditation Dates: September, 2014 through September, 2024

Texas A&M University - Commerce

M.A. or M.S. in Applied Psychology
Department of Psychology and Special Education
East Texas Station
Commerce, Texas 75429-3011
Accreditation Dates: April, 2008 through April, 2018

Towson University

M.A. in Psychology, Counseling Psychology Concentration
Department of Psychology
Towson, MD 21252
Accreditation Dates: February, 2016 through February, 2020

University of West Florida

M. A. in Counseling or Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Department of Psychology
Pensacola, Florida 32514-5751
Accreditation Dates: January 2013 through January, 2023

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

M.S. in Community Counseling
Educational Psychology
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211
Accreditation Dates: January 2014 through January, 2018

Western Illinois University

M.S. in Clinical/Community Mental Health
Department of Psychology
Macomb, Illinois 61455-1390
Accreditation Dates: April, 2007 through April, 2017

William Paterson University

M.A. in Applied Clinical Psychology Program
Department of Psychology
Wayne, New Jersey 07470-2103
Accreditation Dates: December, 2004 through December, 2014

Financial Status

MPCAC is an independent, self-sustaining, non-profit organization. Council Members and the Executive Director serve on a volunteer basis without remuneration. MPCAC's operating budget is fully financed by accreditation fees. As of May, 2016 the balance was \$44,002.63. .

2015-16 Committee and Council Membership

MPCAC

Sabina Widner, Chair, MPAC member

Mark Kenney, Secretary, MCAC member

Brooks Wright, Public Member & Treasurer

Eleonora Bartoli, MCAC member

Joan Duer, MPAC member

Nadya Fouad, MCAC member

Jeanette Hanna, MPAC member

Patricia O'Connor continued her service as Executive Director.

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Respectfully submitted,

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MPCAC Executive Director

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