

The Masters in Counseling Accreditation Committee's 2016 Annual Report

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Introduction

The Masters in Counseling Accreditation Committee (MCAC) directed its attention to five major areas in 2015. These efforts included:

- [1] Refining site visit procedures and reports based on MPCAC's focus on competencies and outcomes;
- [2] Increasing understanding of the goals and purpose of Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC) among relevant organizations and professionals associated with counseling programs across the United States;
- [3] Consulting with counseling programs interested in applying for MPCAC accreditation;
- [4] Monitoring ongoing MCAC Committee membership and training new Committee members;
- [5] Contributing to the functioning of the MPCAC Board, by participating in their meetings and task-forces.

Refining site visits procedures

Throughout 2016, MCAC continued to receive a number of inquiries, pre-applications, and self-studies from professional counseling programs seeking MPCAC accreditation. The relevant organizational resources/templates were refined to align more closely with the emphasis of MPCAC's standards on competencies and outcomes. In 2016, MCAC conducted a number of site visits, accredited four programs and reviewed interim reports from currently accredited institutions. MCAC is expected to complete additional reviews in 2017 (several are in the final stage, and a number of additional site visits are either scheduled or in the process of being scheduled). Board members worked on developing training materials for new site visitors.

Increasing understanding of the goals and purpose of MPCAC among relevant organizational entities and professionals associated with counseling training programs across the United States

MCAC continued investing time and energy to increase the counseling profession's knowledge of the purpose of MPCAC, and about the MCAC accreditation process specifically. Information about the history, purpose, and steps required to apply for MPCAC accreditation was shared in various formats at the:

- i. Council of Masters in Counseling Training Programs (CMCTP) Meeting, by Nancy Murdock
- ii. Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs, by Nadya Fouad
- iii. American Counseling Association (ACA), by Mark Kenney
- iv. Society of Counseling Psychology (SCP), by Riddhi Sandhil

Consulting with counseling programs interested in applying for MPCAC Accreditation

Committee members continued consulting with programs as well as leaders of interested organizations to answer questions about the accreditation process as well as the role of MCAC in accrediting masters programs in counseling at the national level.

Monitoring ongoing MCAC Committee membership and training new Committee members

MCAC continued ensuring appropriate representation on the Committee of graduates of masters in counseling programs as well as counseling programs' faculty/administrators. The Committee thanked outgoing members for their invaluable service over their term, and welcomed a new member. Current members provided the returning member with updated documents and an orientation to the present work of the Committee. Nominations and elections were conducted to reconfirm MCAC's leadership (Chair and Secretary) as well as select the three members appointed to the MPCAC Board.

Contributing to the functioning of the MPCAC Board

The three members appointed to the MPCAC Board represented MCAC at the monthly MPCAC meetings throughout the year. Additional MCAC members participated in a number of task-forces related to MPCAC's standard revision process, CHEA application process, website revision, training of new site visitors, and fundraising.

PROGRAMS ACCREDITED IN 2016

Fordham University

Pastoral Counseling & Spiritual Care
GSRRE, Keating Hall Room 303, 441 E. Fordham Rd.
Bronx, NY 10458
Accredited 2016-2017

Towson University

Psychology Department
8000 York Road
Towson, MD 21252
Accreditation 2020

College of Staten Island, City University of New York

Psychology (4S-108)
College of Staten Island
2800 Victory Blvd.
Staten Island, NY 10314
Accredited 2020

Teachers College, Columbia University (NY)

The Department of Counseling and Clinical Psychology
525 W. 120th Street, Box 102
New York, NY 10027
Accredited 2020