
Council**MPCAC Annual Report July 2017-June 2018****Background**

Encouraged by the proceedings of two national conferences on master's Psychology curriculum 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 was 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 served as the accrediting body, acting upon recommendations from the separate committees. The two separate Committees, MPAC and MCAC, were responsible for reviewing applicant programs to consider their eligibility for accreditation, either as Psychology or Counseling programs. Both Committees followed agreed-upon accreditation policies and procedures, as documented in the MPCAC Accreditation Manual.

In 2016, MPCAC carefully considered professional trends as well as feedback received from stakeholders. In the spirit of remaining attuned to the needs of its constituents and promote excellence of masters-level training in counseling and psychological services, MPCAC proceeded to refine its mission, scope, and objectives, as well as to revise its standards. As of June 30, 2017, MPAC and MCAC ceased to operate, and MPCAC became a unified Board overseeing a new single set of standards. MPCAC's website, www.MPCACaccreditation.org, contains the most recent accreditation manual, the updated list of accredited programs, and a list of MPCAC board members.

Current Status and UpdateCompliance with new standards

All accredited programs have been asked to come into compliance with the new 2017 MPCAC standards. Programs have submitted a detailed plan on how they have or will meet the new standards. All plans have been reviewed and institutions will be notified of the outcome of that review by Fall 2018. Programs still in the process of meeting the new standards will be required to submit proof that the new standards have been fully met by Dec. 31, 2018.

In Fall 2017, MPCAC released a document operationalizing the new curriculum standards and notified counseling licensing boards nationally about them. In early 2018, Members of the Executive Committee conducted Town Hall Meetings with accredited programs to discuss current licensure trends and concerns.

New policies

The MPCAC Board developed policies for assessing programs with multiple campuses or multiple modes of delivery, as well as for declining the opportunity of completing a site visit based on insufficient self-studies. Both of these policies will appear in the 2018-19 MPCAC Policies and Procedures Manual.

ASPA and CHEA

In Fall 2017, MPCAC became a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) and is now recognized as an accredited body by this organization. ASPA is dedicated to enhancing quality in higher education through specialized and professional accreditation, and is comprised of organizations that evaluate programs and institutions of higher learning in more than 100 different specialized disciplines and professions.

As noted in previous Annual Reports, CHEA has been revising its standards and has placed a moratorium on new pre-applications as of fall 2015. The moratorium was initially set to end in early 2017, but it is still in progress and CHEA has made no public statement about when it will end. MPCAC is poised to submit its pre-application as soon as feasible and continues to work closely with our consultant, Susan Zlotlow, to align itself with CHEA's current standards.

Fee Structure

In order to ensure financial viability and continuity of income over time, the MPCAC Board has begun reviewing its fee structure and performing a long-term budget analysis. Information about the outcome of this analysis, and potential implications for MPCAC's fee structure, will be distributed broadly once available.

Annual Reporting Requirements

In 2016-2017, MPCAC established an annual reporting structure common for many CHEA recognized bodies. This yearly report is in addition to the interim reports and includes metrics such as number of applications, number of students enrolled, number of faculty members (including gender, race/ethnicity), retention rates, number of graduates, and alumni information. Accredited programs will be required to report these data to MPCAC every September, and to post them on their institution's websites.

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 MPCAC on other major changes affecting the program.

Board Membership

In April 2018, MPCAC welcomed four new members to the MPCAC Board, who will begin their term in July 2018:

- Kristy Keefe, program director at Western Illinois University (IL)
- Erica James, program director at Francis Marion University (SC)
- Celeste Jean-Walley, program director at Clayton State University (GA)
- Genelle Sawyer, program director at The Citadel (SC)

At the end of June 2017, three MPCAC Board members completed their terms and stepped down from the Board: Joan Duer, Mike Murtagh, and Riddhi Sandil. Eleonora Bartoli moved into the position of Past Chair (ex-officio) and Jane Stafford was elected as MPCAC Chair starting July 2018. Chloe Moushey (Secretary), Mark Kenney (Associate Chair of Information

Management), Sabina Widner (Associate Chair of Accreditation), and Brooks Wright (Treasurer) will continue to serve in their respective roles, together with Pat O'Connor, MPCAC's Executive Director. Nadya Fouad and Chris Walter will also continue to serve as members on the MPCAC Board.

Current Status of Accreditations

As of June 2018, 51 applied masters programs from 46 institutions across 21 States were accredited by MPCAC. In 2017-18, 8 programs were newly accredited and 3 received re-accreditation. The MPCAC Board also launched a new Site Visitor training and is beginning to welcome site visitors among faculty of accredited programs, in addition to current and past Board members.

It is MPCAC'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 MPCAC Accredited Programs as of June 30, 2018

[Arcadia University](#)

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

[Augusta University](#)

M.S. in Psychology, Clinical Track
Augusta, Georgia 30904
Accreditation: July 2017 - July 2027

[Avila University](#)

M.S. in Counseling Psychology
Kansas City, Missouri 64145
Accreditation: Jan 2018-Jan 2022

[Boston College](#)

M.A. in Mental Health Counseling
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467
Accreditation: Mar 2017 - Mar 2027

[Boston College](#)

M.A. in School Counseling
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467
Accreditation: Mar 2017 - Mar 2027

[Brenau University](#)

M.S. in Clinical Counseling Psychology
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
Accreditation: Feb 2017 - Feb 2027

[Bridgewater State University](#)

M. A. in Psychology
Department of Psychology

Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02325
Accreditation: Feb 2015 - Feb 2019

[Chatham University](#)

M.S. in Counseling Psychology
Counseling Psychology Department
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232
Accreditation: Apr 2017 - Apr 2019

[Chestnut Hill College](#)

M.S. in Clinical and Counseling Psychology
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118
Accreditation: Feb 2018 - Feb 2020

[Clayton State University](#)

M.S. in Clinical/Counseling Psychology
Department of Psychology
Morrow, Georgia 30260
Accreditation: Dec 2016 - Dec 2020

[College of Staten Island, City University of New York](#)

M.A. in Mental Health Counseling
Department of Psychology
Staten Island, New York 10314
Accreditation: Aug 2016 - Aug 2021

[Columbia University, Teachers College](#)

Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology
Counseling and Clinical Psychology Department
New York, New York 10027
Accreditation: Feb 2016 - Feb 2026

[Eastern University](#)

M.A. in Clinical Counseling
Counseling Psychology Department
St. Davids, Pennsylvania 19087-3696
Accreditation: Aug 2014 - Aug 2024

[Eastern University](#)

M.A. in School Counseling
Counseling Psychology Department
St. Davids, Pennsylvania 19087-3696
Accreditation: Aug 2014 - Aug 2024

[Felician University](#)

M.A. in Counseling Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences
Lodi, New Jersey 07644
Accreditation: Jun 2014 - Jun 2018

[Fordham University](#)

M.A. in Pastoral Counseling

Department of Pastoral Counseling & Spiritual Care
Bronx, New York 10458
Accreditation: May 2017 - May 2019

[Fordham University](#)

M.S.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling
Psychological and Educational Services
New York, New York 10023
Accreditation: Jan 2015 - Jan 2020

[Fordham University](#)

M.S.Ed. in School Counseling
Psychological and Educational Services
New York, New York 10023
Accreditation: Jan 2015 - Jan 2020

[Francis Marion University](#)

M. S. in Applied Psychology
Department of Psychology
Florence, South Carolina 29501-0547
Accreditation: Apr 2018 - Apr 2020

[Frostburg State University](#)

M. S. in Counseling Psychology
Psychology Department
Frostburg, Maryland 21532
Accreditation: Mar 2008 - Aug 2018

[Hawaii Pacific University](#)

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

[Lehigh University](#)

M.Ed in Counseling and Human Services
Department of Education and Human Services
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18015
Accreditation: Aug 2014 - Aug 2024

[Midwestern State University](#)

M.A. Program in Clinical and Counseling Psychology
Wichita Falls, Texas 76308
Accreditation: Jun 2012 - July 2018

[Morehead State University](#)

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

[Murray State University](#)

Masters Degree Program in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology

Murray, Kentucky 42071
Accreditation: Apr 2014 - Apr 2024

[New Mexico Highlands University](#)

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

[New York University](#)

M.A. in Counseling for Mental Health and Wellness
Department of Applied Psychology
New York, New York 10012
Accreditation: Jan 2015 - Jan 2025

[New York University](#)

M.A. in Counseling and Guidance
Department of Applied Psychology
New York, New York 10012
Accreditation: Jan 2015 - Jan 2025

[Pacific University](#)

M.A. in Applied Psychological Services
Hillsboro, Oregon 97123
Accreditation: Aug 2017-Aug 2021

[Pittsburg State University](#)

M. S. in Psychology (Clinical Emphasis)
Department of Psychology and Counseling
Pittsburg, Kansas 66762
Accreditation: Aug 2007 - Aug 2018

[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: Apr 2008 - Apr 2019

[Texas A&M International University](#)

Masters in Counseling Psychology Program
Laredo, Texas 78041-1900
Accreditation: Jan 2018-Jan 2022

[The Citadel](#)

M. A. in Clinical Counseling
Department of Psychology
Charleston, South Carolina 29409
Accreditation: Jun 2012 - Jun 2022

[The Sage Colleges](#)

M.A. in Counseling and Community Psychology
Graduate Programs in Psychology
Troy, New York 12180
Accreditation: Aug 2010 - Aug 2020

[Towson University](#)

M.A. in Psychology, Counseling Psychology Concentration
Department of Psychology
Towson, Maryland 21252
Accreditation: Feb 2016 - Feb 2026

[University at Albany](#)

M.S. in Mental Health Counseling
Division of Counseling Psychology
Albany, New York 12222
Accreditation: Sept 2013 - Sept 2023

[University of Buffalo, The State University of New York](#)

M.S. in Mental Health Counseling
Buffalo, New York 14260-1000
Accreditation: Feb 2018-Feb 2028

[University of Central Oklahoma](#)

M.A. in Counseling Psychology
Department of Psychology
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034
Accreditation: Feb 2017 - Feb 2021

[University of Denver](#)

M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Denver, Colorado 80208
Accreditation: Aug 2017 - Aug 2027

[University of Hawaii at Hilo](#)

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

[University of Indianapolis](#)

M.A. in Clinical Psychology Program
School of Psychological Sciences
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227
Accreditation: Jul 2015 - Jul 2025

[University of Kansas](#)

M.S. in Counseling Psychology
Lawrence, Kansas 66045
Accreditation: July 2017 - July 2027

[University of Massachusetts Boston](#)

M.S. in Mental Health Counseling
Department of Counseling and School Psychology
Boston, Massachusetts 02125-3393
Accreditation: Sept 2013 - Sept 2023

[University of Massachusetts Boston](#)

M.Ed in School Counseling
Department of Counseling and School Psychology
Boston, Massachusetts 02125-3393
Accreditation: Sept 2013 - Sept 2023

[University of Missouri-Kansas City](#)

Master of Arts in Counseling and Guidance
School of Education
Kansas City, Missouri 64110
Accreditation: Feb 2014 - Feb 2024

[University of South Carolina Aiken](#)

Master's Degree in Applied Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Aiken, South Carolina 29801
Accreditation: Sept 2014 - Sept 2024

[University of Southern Mississippi](#)

M.S. in Counseling Psychology
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 69404
Accreditation: Apr 2018-Apr 2028

[University of West Florida](#)

M. A. in Counseling Psychology
Department of Psychology
Pensacola, Florida 32514-5751
Accreditation: Jan 2013 - Jan 2023

[University of Wisconsin Milwaukee](#)

M.S. in Counseling
Educational Psychology
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211
Accreditation: Jan 2014 - Jan 2018

[Western Illinois University](#)

M.S. in Clinical/Community Mental Health
Department of Psychology
Macomb, Illinois 61455-1390
Accreditation: Aug 2017 - Aug 2027

[William Paterson University](#)

M.A. in Clinical and Counseling Psychology Program

Department of Psychology
Wayne, New Jersey 07470-2103
Accreditation: Jul 2015 - Jul 2025

Financial Status

MPCAC is an independent, self-sustaining, non-profit organization. Council Members serve on a volunteer basis without remuneration; the Executive Director and Executive Assistant are paid staff. MPCAC's operating budget is fully financed by accreditation fees. As of June, 2018 the balance was \$71,037.94.

2017-18 Council Membership

Eleonora Bartoli, Chair

Joan Duer

Nadya Fouad

Mark Kenney, Associate Chair of Information Management

Chloe Moushey, Secretary

Mike Murtagh

Riddhi Sandil

Jane Stafford

Chris Walter

Sabina Widner, Associate Chair of Accreditation

Brooks Wright, Public Member & Treasurer

Patricia O'Connor continued her service as Executive Director

Kimberly Yetto continued her service as Executive Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia O'Connor, Ph.D.
MPCAC Executive Director

Eleonora Bartoli, Ph.D.
MPCAC Chair

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