



Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council

MPCAC Annual Report July 2020-June 2021

The MPCAC Board meets regularly, once each month, to review, discuss, and make decisions regarding accreditation and re-accreditation for qualified program applicants. The basis for these decisions is Site Visit Reports provided by the relevant Accreditation Review Committee (ARC) plus two additional reviewers. The Executive Committee meets weekly to keep abreast of the status of applications, to monitor the work of the ARCs, and to identify and make recommendations regarding policy and procedural issues that may emerge. Such issues are brought to the Board meetings for discussion and resolution. The Board functions as a 'working board' with members involved in all aspects of the work of MPCAC; efforts are slowly underway to move the operational work of the Board to the Central Office, a move which will require the addition of staff to the Central Office.

The most recent *Accreditation Manual* and *Policy & Procedure Manual* are available on the MPCAC website (www.mpcacaccreditation.org). The MPCAC standards, detailed in the *Accreditation Manual*, will be reviewed in 2022 for potential revisions in 2023.

CHEA

As of May 3, 2021, we were most pleased that CHEA awarded MPCAC recognition for a period of seven (7) years. The multi-phase recognition process included an extensive self-study report, permitting CHEA Board members to review our processes to confirm that we meet all CHEA standards, an observation of our decision-making, and a presentation and question-and-answer meeting with CHEA Board members. The first observation of our decision-making discussion was in February 2020; however, our observer became ill and was unable to provide the necessary report to CHEA. Subsequently, we had a second such observation in August 2020. The MPCAC presentation and Q&A with the CHEA Committee on Recognition occurred in November and the final CHEA decision was communicated to MPCAC in May, 2021.

ASPA

MPCAC continues its membership in the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA). ASPA is dedicated to enhancing quality in higher education through specialized and professional accreditation and comprises organizations that evaluate programs and institutions of higher learning in more than 100 different specialized disciplines and professions. MPCAC remains an active member of ASPA and our Executive Director, Dr. Pat O'Connor, participates regularly in ASPA-sponsored webinars and attended the ASPA meeting held virtually in March.

Fee Structure

The application fee for new programs seeking accreditation and accredited programs seeking re-accreditation remains \$2,500; and the yearly maintenance fee also remains \$500. The penalty for late dues payment is the same at \$200. The COVID-related pandemic resulted in our shifting entirely to virtual site visits with a site-visit-fee of \$1000; the virtual site visit eliminates all onsite costs for the applicant programs.

Annual Reporting Requirements

MPCAC has an annual reporting structure which is common for many CHEA recognized bodies. This yearly report includes metrics such as number of applications, number of students enrolled, number of faculty members (including gender, race/ethnicity), retention rates including the retention rate of first year students, number of graduates in the current year, graduation rates for each entering class five years previously, and alumni information. Accredited programs are required to report these data to MPCAC every fall, and to post them on their institution's websites. Failure to report (or to pay the annual fee) may result in a warning, then probation, then withdrawal of accreditation. At this point no such instances have occurred.

Accredited programs are required to update MPCAC on other major changes affecting the program within THREE MONTHS of the change or at the time of the submission of the annual program data.

Board Membership

In summer 2020, MPCAC welcomed one new member to the MPCAC Board, who began her term in July 2020:

- Stephanie Szymczyk M.Ed., school counselor in Florida

Jane Stafford (Chair), Mark Kenney (Associate Chair of Information Management), Genelle Sawyer (Associate Chair of Accreditation), and Brooks Wright (Treasurer) continue to serve in their respective roles, together with Pat O'Connor, MPCAC's Executive Director, and Kim Yetto, Executive Assistant. Chris Walter agreed to serve as Secretary beginning in September of 2019. Jennifer Gafford, Kristy Keefe, Maureen Keeshin, Erica James, and Celeste Jean-Walley also continue to serve as members on the MPCAC Board.

Current Status of Accreditations

As of June 2021, 58 applied masters programs from 50 institutions across 23 States were accredited by MPCAC. In 2020-2021, 2 programs were newly accredited and 2 received re-accreditation; one institution eliminated or suspended their master's program because they moved to a PsyD program, and a previously accredited program in another institution was denied accreditation. Several are currently under ongoing review to determine whether identified stipulations have been met (permitted for accreditations awarded prior to 2018).

Alphabetic Listing of MPCAC Accredited Programs as of June 30, 2021

[Arcadia University](#)

M. A. in Counseling / Psychology
Department of Psychology

Glenside, Pennsylvania 19038-3295
Accreditation: Aug 2011 – Aug 2021

[Assumption College](#)

M. A. in Clinical Counseling Psychology
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609
Accreditation: Dec 2018 – Dec 2028

[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 2028

[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 2025

[Chatham University](#)

M.S. in Counseling Psychology
Counseling Psychology Department
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232
Accreditation: Apr 2017 – Apr 2027

[Chestnut Hill College](#)

M.S. in Clinical and Counseling Psychology

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118
Accreditation: Feb 2018 – Feb 2028

[Clayton State University](#)

M.S. in Clinical/Counseling Psychology
Department of Psychology
Morrow, Georgia 30260
Accreditation: Dec 2016 – Dec. 2026

[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 2026

[Columbia University, Teachers College](#)

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

[Delaware Valley University](#)

M.A. in Counseling Psychology
Doylestown, PA 18901
Accreditation: April 2019-April 2029

[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 2024

[Fordham University](#)

M.A. in Pastoral Counseling
Department of Pastoral Counseling & Spiritual Care

Bronx, New York 10458
Accreditation: May 2017 – May 2027

[Fordham University](#)

M.S.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling
Psychological and Educational Services
New York, New York 10023
Accreditation: Jan 2015 – Jan 2025

[Fordham University](#)

M.S.Ed. in School Counseling
Psychological and Educational Services
New York, New York 10023
Accreditation: Jan 2015 – Jan 2025

[Francis Marion University](#)

M. S. in Applied Psychology
Department of Psychology
Florence, South Carolina 29501-0547
Accreditation: Apr 2018 – Apr 2028

[Frostburg State University](#)

M. S. in Counseling Psychology
Psychology Department
Frostburg, Maryland 21532
Accreditation: Aug 2018 – Aug 2028

[Indiana University](#)

M.S.Ed.in Counseling and Counselor Education-School Track
Bloomington, Indiana 47405
Accreditation: Aug 2018 –Aug 2028

[Indiana University](#)

M.S.Ed.in Mental Health Counseling and Counselor Education
Bloomington, Indiana 47405
Accreditation: Aug 2018 – Aug 2028

[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 – June 2022

[Morehead State University](#)

M.S. Program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology
Department of Psychology
Morehead, Kentucky 40351
Accreditation: Apr 2011 – Oct 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 2027

[Robert Morris University](#)

M.S. in Counseling Psychology
Moon Township, PA 15108
Accreditation: Feb 2021 – Feb 2029

[Russell Sage College](#)

M.A. in Counseling and Community Psychology
Troy, New York 12180
Accreditation: Nov 2020 – Nov 2028

[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 Chicago School of Professional Psychology](#)

M.A. in Counseling Psychology
Chicago, Illinois 60654
Accreditation: Dec 2018 – Dec 2028

[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-Aug. 2021

[University of Denver](#)

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

[University of Georgia](#)

M.Ed. in Professional Counseling-Mental Health Emphasis
Athens, Georgia 30602
Accreditation: May 2019 – May 2023

[University of Hawaii at Hilo](#)

M.A. Program in Counseling Psychology (Mental Health Counseling Specialization)

Department of Psychology

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Accreditation: June 2021-June 2029

[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 Utah](#)

M.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112
Accreditation: June 2018- July 2022

[University of Utah](#)

M.Ed. in School Counseling
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112
Accreditation: July 2018- Aug 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 2024

[Western Illinois University](#)

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

[Whitworth University](#)

M.Ed. in School Counseling Program
Spokane, Washington 99251
Accreditation: Dec 2020 – Dec 2028

[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, 2021 the balance was \$82,494,69.

2020-21 Council Membership

Jane Stafford, Chair

Mark Kenney, Associate Chair of Information Management

Genelle Sawyer, Associate Chair of Accreditation

Chris Walter, Secretary

Jennifer Gafford

Erica James

Kristy Keefe

Maureen Keeshin

Stephanie Szymczyk

Celeste Walley-Jean

Brooks Wright, Public Member & Treasurer

Central Office:

Patricia O'Connor, Executive Director

Kimberly Yetto, Executive Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jane Stafford, Ph.D.
MPCAC Chair

July, 2021