



Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council

MPCAC Annual Report July 2021-June 2022

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 has functioned as a 'working board' since its inception with members involved in all aspects of the work of MPCAC and efforts have been underway to move the operational work of the Board to the Central Office. However, the departure of MPCAC's Executive Assistant, Kim Yetto, had led to a reorganization to expand the role of the Executive Assistant, incorporating some of the tasks currently performed by Board members. This new position (Accreditation Coordinator, described below), as part of the Central Office, will support the transition of the Board from a working to a policy and governing Board.

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 winter 2023 for revisions in 2023.

CHEA

In 2021, we were most pleased that CHEA awarded MPCAC recognition as an accrediting organization for a period of seven (7) years. MPCAC continues to monitor the work of CHEA to identify any changes in standards or expectations that might affect the structure or work of MPCAC. MPCAC Executive Director, Dr. O'Connor, was an invited panelist to discuss "Wellness in an Age of Constant Uncertainty", at the annual CHEA meeting in Washington D.C., January 26, 2022.

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 participates regularly in ASPA-sponsored webinars and attended the ASPA meeting held virtually in March.

AASCB

MPCAC was accepted as an affiliate member of the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) in March 2022. Dr. O'Connor, MPCAC Executive Director, participates in the bi-monthly affiliate member meetings and will attend the annual AASCB meeting. As an accrediting organization in 23 states, MPCAC represents the interests of MPCAC-accredited programs whose graduates can become licensed in those states.

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 \$1,000. The virtual site visit, continuing through 2022, eliminates all onsite costs for the applicant programs. Changes in the fees are being considered which would begin with the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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. There were no such instances in the past year. Summary data for the previous year are posted on the MPCAC website, usually in January (<http://mpcacaccreditation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/MPCAC-Summary-annual-data-2017-2022.pdf>).

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

Jane Stafford (Chair), Mark Kenney (Associate Chair of Information Management), Genelle Sawyer (Associate Chair of Accreditation), Chris Walter (Secretary) and Brooks Wright (Treasurer) continue to serve in their respective roles, with Pat O'Connor continuing as the MPCAC Executive Director. Kim Yetto, MPCAC Executive Assistant for seven years, ended her association with MPCAC (see below). Jennifer Gafford, Kristy Keefe, Maureen Keeshin, Erica James, Celeste Jean-Walley, and Stephanie Szymczyk continue to serve as members on the MPCAC Board.

Accreditation Coordinator Position

Kim Yetto left MPCAC in May 2022, unhappily for MPCAC but, after seven years, she was ready for a change. To decide next steps, the Executive Committee met with a consultant (Dr. Pamela Carrington Rotto) to develop a position description for a new Accreditation Coordinator position which was subsequently approved by the full Board. The position description was emailed to all MPCAC-accredited

programs to request that they distribute it to their program graduates and other interested parties. Board members volunteered to be on the search committee and, at the end of June 2022, some applications had been submitted.

The following is the position description that was distributed:

MPCAC Accreditation Coordinator

The Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Counsel (MPCAC; <http://mpcacaccreditation.org>) is seeking a part-time Accreditation Coordinator (25 hours/week) to work remotely, assisting the executive director in managing the growth of our organization. MPCAC accredits academic programs that provide science-based education and training in the practice of counseling and psychological services at the master's degree level, ensuring the quality of programs with the primary purpose of protecting students and the public.

Duties of the Accreditation Coordinator include marketing and outreach to master's programs throughout the US, managing the accreditation process for programs seeking accreditation, assisting our accountant in managing organization finances, assisting with the management of accreditation materials, and managing communication and digital platforms. The Accreditation Coordinator will report to the Executive Director.

We are seeking someone who has integrity and is adaptable, is a team player while at the same time is able to work independently, is resourceful and takes initiative, has strong organization and planning skills, has strong oral and written communication skills, has a customer focus and is self-aware and able to take constructive feedback. This individual must also have strong technology skills and familiarity/comfort with digital platforms. A master's degree or related experience is preferred, particularly in the areas of counseling, education, or accreditation.

Please submit a cover letter, current resume, and names with contact information for at least two references to mpcaced@gmail.com. Preference will be given to applications received on or before July 15th; the search will remain open until the position is filled.

Current Status of Accreditations

As of June 2022, 59 applied masters programs from 51 institutions across 23 States were accredited by MPCAC. In 2021-2022, 1 program was newly accredited and 4 received re-accreditation. The Accreditation Review Committee for one program requested changes prior to scheduling a site visit; the program was given a two-year postponement to implement the changes; the program did not comply and was removed from the "under review" list on the MPCAC website. Two programs will be reviewed in the upcoming year to determine whether identified stipulations have been met (permitted for accreditations awarded prior to 2018). Finally, one program did not submit their re-accreditation materials on time which led to their not being re-accredited on time. They were given a six-month extension on probation to complete the process.

Alphabetic Listing of MPCAC Accredited Programs as of June 30, 2022

[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 2022
On Probation

[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 2022 – Jun 2030

[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 Baltimore](#)

M.S. in Applied Psychology, Counseling Psychology Concentration
Baltimore, MD 21201
Accreditation: Feb 2022 – Feb 2030

[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, 2022, the balance was \$103,967.23.

2021-2022 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 (until May 2022)

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jane Stafford, Ph.D.
MPCAC Chair

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