



# **Indiana University South Bend**

Counseling and Human Services Department  
School of Education

*2022-2023*

## **ANNUAL REPORT TO CONSTITUENTS**



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Academic Year 2022-2023

## ***Mission Statement***

*The mission of the IU South Bend Counseling and Human Services Program is to prepare knowledgeable, ethical, and multiculturally competent school counselors, clinical mental health counselors and addictions counselors. Faculty members embody diversity of experience and provide students with a rigorous exploration of theoretical orientation and evidence-based practices in an environment that promotes personal growth and reflection. Graduates exemplify the learning, skills training, and dispositions that reflect both career-readiness and the highest standards of the counseling profession.*

Each year the Counseling and Human Services Department (CHS) is required by the Council for Accreditation on Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) to provide an annual report as part of the program review process. This report is designed to inform the department's constituents (e.g. current students, program graduates, advisory board members, university community, prospective students, etc.) an overview of the program's mission statement, activities, relevant data, and program modifications. CACREP accredits two master's degrees within the CHS department: Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling.

The CHS program of IU South Bend is well known in the northern region of Indiana. Our graduates have gone on to serve as counselors and administrators in various institutions in the surrounding area as well as all over the state and the country. All our CHS programs lead to licensure or certification in school and clinical mental health counseling, thereby preparing students to achieve all of their career goals in the helping professions.

## **Faculty & Personnel Updates**

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- ✓ Karen Benjamin joined the School of Education in November 2022, serving as the new Associate Director of Program Review and Accreditation. Prior to her role at Indiana University, Karen worked as an Accreditation Coordinator at Andrews University's Graduate Psychology & Counseling Department. She will be working closely with the CHS programs and our different accrediting bodies.
- ✓ Vanessa Kelleybrew, who first started as a Visiting Lecturer, has been hired as a full-time Lecturer in the Counseling and Human Services department. She is a graduate of our program and has several years of experience as a Mental Health Counselor.
- ✓ Kurt Hanus has joined the CHS department as a Visiting Assistant Professor. He is an experienced Licensed Psychotherapist, Educator, and Clinical Supervisor who received his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.
- ✓ Jonna Watson plays a vital role in coordinating and instructing within the collaborative 3-IU Campus EdS in School Psychology program. With extensive experience as a School Psychologist spanning many years, she now assumes the position of Clinical Assistant Professor here at Indiana University South Bend.

## **Accreditation Update**

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The Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling programs, both accredited by The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), underwent a recent program review through a self-study submitted in 2020. In May of 2022, a team of reviewers met, via Zoom, with faculty, students, alumni, and other individuals affiliated with the Counselor

Education programs. The outcome of this visit led to the continued accreditation of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling programs. An Interim Report will be submitted to CACREP in April 2024.

### **Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration Area**

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Our Master's of Science program track in clinical mental health counseling is 60 credit hours. The program track has been accredited by CACREP since 2005. Students in the clinical mental health counseling program complete coursework in various areas related to counseling and mental health. These students also engage in one semester of practicum and two semesters of internship experiences while in the program. The clinical mental health counseling track can be completed in 3 years of study and leads to eligibility for licensure as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the State of Indiana.

### **School Counseling Concentration Area**

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Our 60 credit hour Master's of Science program track in school counseling has been accredited by CACREP since 2005. Students in the school counseling program complete traditional classroom work, take part in and engage in extensive field work during their time in the program. The school counseling track can be completed in 3 years of study and leads to eligibility for a school counseling licensure in Indiana.

### **Re-Opening of On-Site Community Counseling Clinic**

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The CHS Department has received a Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grant from the federal government to fund the re-opening of the department's counseling center. This will be a great resource for our students who need to accumulate hours as well as offering free counseling services to members of the community.

## **2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

### **Program Statistics**

#### **Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration Area Report**

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Seventy-six students with identified tracks of study in clinical mental health counseling were enrolled during the Fall 2022-Summer 2023 school year. Eighteen clinical mental health students graduated from the department during the same time period.

#### **School Counseling Concentration Area Report**

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Thirty-three students with identified tracks of study in school counseling were enrolled during the Fall 2022-Summer 2023 school year. Seven school counseling students graduated from the department during the same time period.

#### **Recruitment and Admissions**

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The combined application count for both programs was 26 for the new cohort starting Summer 2023. A review of those applications resulted in the acceptance of 15 new students into the Counselor Education programs.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>New Admit Count</b>
Summer 2023	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	13
Summer 2023	School Counseling	2

#### **Program Changes**

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The following adjustments were made to the CHS curriculum during the 2022-2023 academic year.

**New Assessments** – As a result of reaccreditation through CACREP, the CHS department is improving KPIs or Key Performance Indicators that will help us in our assessment processes.

**New Placement Partnerships**

- University of Notre Dame Psychological Services Center
- Listening Oasis Wellness Space of GCSCORED, Inc.