

## **2019-2020 MSC Program Annual Summative Report**

The faculty of the MSC Program meet annually to (a) review, amend, and approve Program Objectives within the context of data gathered from the previous academic year, and (b) review and approve recommendations for programmatic changes to be instituted in the upcoming year.

The MSC Program has applied for CACREP accreditation. CACREP requires that within core and specialty areas, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are identified. KPIs are capstone assignments which measure teaching and learning.

### **Academic Year Key Performance Indicator Mean Scores (Scaled 1-4)**

KPI Course and Assignment	Mean Score
COUN 728 Ethics and Law in Counseling ACA Ethics Paper	4.00
COUN 732 Social & Cultural Foundations in Counseling Experiential Experience Paper	3.33
PSYC 709 Advanced Human Development Lifespan Portfolio Paper	3.63
COUN 733 Career & Lifestyle Development in Counseling Personal Career Development Paper	3.80
COUN 723 Counseling Method Techniques Professional Counseling Session Videotapes	4.00
COUN 722 Group Processes Group Leader Facilitation	4.00
PSYC 716 Intermediate Statistics Data Analysis Report	3.13
PSYC 718 Introduction to Methodology & Research Design Research Proposal	3.27
PSYC 724 Marriage & Family Therapy Analysis of Videotaped Couple/Family Counseling Sessions	4.00
COUN 780 Consultation in Human Development Program Evaluation Review	3.78
COUN 783 Practicum Final Site Supervisor Evaluation	4.00
COUN 787 Internship Final Site Supervisor Evaluation	4.00

As a result of this data, the MSC faculty decided to implement the following changes:

- 1) Dr. Kacie Blalock applied for and met the qualifications as both a Pearson clinician and an approved Training Partner Program qualified member. As a result, students in the assessment course (COUN 721 Analysis of the Individual) will benefit from learning about various assessments via the utilization of a web-based digital assessment platform.

- 2) The MSC Program purchased \$10,000 of training materials (personality and cognitive assessments) for utilization in the COUN 721 Analysis of the Individual course.
- 3) Students in the COUN 733 Career & Lifestyle Development in Counseling course will obtain experiential experiences with Dr. Jennifer Flynn-McKevitt, Director of Career Services; Dr. Tracey Burrell, Director of Alternative Teacher Certification; and Goodwill Industries of Northwest LA.
- 4) The MSC Program is offering training opportunities for MSC students and site supervisors, such as a 3-hour ethics workshop by Dr. Erik Braun, Associate Professor of Counseling at Northwestern State University, for NCE credit.
- 5) Students in the COUN 728 Ethics and Law in Counseling course participate in mock round table discussions of ethics-related topics, and receive constructive feedback by experienced presenters within the profession, in preparation for their presentations at the national Law and Ethics in Counseling Conference in New Orleans, LA.

#### **CACREP Student Outcome Snapshot**

Students Enrolled	New Students	Graduates	Completion Rate	Licensure Exam Pass Rate	Job Placement Rate
32	13	12	91%	100%	75%

#### **Substantial Program Changes**

- 1). Professor Jean Hollenshead, instructor of the COUN 722 and PSYC 747 courses, retired in May 2020. As a result of Professor Hollenshead's retirement, the COUN 722 course is now taught by Dr. Hsin-Ya Tang and the PSYC 747 course is currently taught by Dr. Meredith Nelson.
- 2). After 19 years of dedicated service as Program Director of the MSC Program, Dr. Meredith Nelson has decided to relinquish this role to Dr. Kacie Blalock, whom will now serve the program in this capacity.
- 3). During the Spring 2020 Semester, the MSC Program began offering courses within the newly developed Rehabilitation Counseling Concentration.
- 4). Additional renovations were made to the Counseling Clinic throughout the 2019-2020 academic year. Dr. Lee Purvis will serve as Director of the Clinic. The Clinic has been renamed to the Community Counseling and Psychology Clinic.

Louisiana State University Shreveport  
Counseling Program

**CACREP Vital Statistics 2019/2020**

As part of our accreditation requirements from CACREP, the Counseling Program at Louisiana State University Shreveport must report the following information annually.

Minimum Credit Hours:	60
Students Currently Enrolled:	32
Graduates in the Past Year:	12
Completion Rate:	91%
Licensure Exam Pass Rate:	100%
Job Placement Rate:	75% (response rate: 100%)

# ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

## Master of Science in Counseling May 6, 2020

### As we come to the end of another semester...

Here we are as we approach the unexpected end of a semester, and, in some ways, an era. In times of uncertainty, it is especially important to appreciate the instances that we were able to easily gather with friends, colleagues, and mentors. While we bid farewell to another year and a way of life, we express gratitude for the moments and the people that have added to our lives.



Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

-Melody Beattie

## What happened in the last year?

### 2019:

- May 2019 Graduation – page 2
- Study Abroad in Italy – page 3
- Fall Social – page 2
- Fall Fest – page 1
- Ethics Workshop – page 5
- Christmas Social – page 1
- December 2019 Graduation – page 2

### 2020:

- Launch of Rehabilitation Counseling Courses – page 6
- New Orleans Ethics Conference – page 4



# CHI SIGMA IOTA

## Lamda Sigma Upsilon Chapter

**As the honor society for counseling professionals, CSI focuses on the importance of professional development, community engagement, and wellness advocacy.**



CSI welcomes first-year MSC graduate students at Rotolo's!

In the past year, CSI has been more active in university activities, socials, and the professional community. CSI participated in Fall Fest, a social at Rotolo's, and an Ethics workshop discussing clinical boundaries. At our monthly meetings, we also had ambassadors from LCA speak about the importance of getting involved with political advocacy for counselors. We had planned more activities in the Spring such as the play therapy workshop, but all events had to be postponed due to COVID-19. During the shelter-in-place order, the CSI initiation ceremony was conducted remotely via Zoom. Congratulations to Zoe Pearl and Doug Stegall, the newest members of CSI!

For more information on CSI, please see [www.csi-net.org](http://www.csi-net.org).

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Class of 2019

**Graduation is the light at the end of a long, arduous tunnel. Once we're done, what happens next?**

Former MSC students have a high success rate of obtaining gainful employment after they graduate! Also, LSUS boasts of high rates of passing National Counselor Exam (NCE) scores. Because of the academic rigor of the MSC program, many local mental health organizations prefer to hire LSUS graduates. From the graduating class of Spring 2019, Ashley Warren is an PLPC and the Assessments Technician at a local private practice, Goebel, Vigen, and Associates. From the same class, Morgan Matthews is the Treatment Center Director at Apple Gate Recovery, a treatment center for individuals with Substance Abuse Disorder. From the graduating class of Fall 2019, Allyson Greer is a PLPC at the Center for Children and Families. David Martinez is integrating counseling techniques with his love of coaching soccer.





# STUDY ABROAD

## MSC Students in Italy

Over the summer, Dr. Tang and MSC students traveled to Italy! On this exciting trip, graduate students are exposed to a different culture as they studied the modality of play therapy.



Located in Tuscany, the International Institute welcomes undergraduate students, counseling graduate students, counselors, and counselor educators. For mental health professionals, this trip offers NBCC-approved CEUs. In Fall of 2020, Dr. Tang will be taking a study abroad trip to her native country of Taiwan! For more information, please email Dr. Tang at [hsin-ya.tang@lsus.edu](mailto:hsin-ya.tang@lsus.edu).



Each year, MSC students are invited to attend the study abroad ventures as coordinated by the University of Holy Cross in New Orleans. For their trip to Italy, students earned 3 college credits which fulfilled either the multicultural course requirement or an elective course. Students gain a multicultural perspective of counseling as taught by counselors and counselor educators from Italy and the US. In addition to learning about Multicultural Counseling in Italy, these counselor-in-training were also whisked away for day-trips to nearby cities such as Florence, Greve, San Gimignano, Siena, and Pisa. During these excursions, students and professionals were able to sample the local cuisine and sights!





# ETHICS CONFERENCE

## MSC Students Presentations

Every Spring, Dr. Tang takes MSC students to the Ethics Conference in New Orleans to represent LSUS and to present their research to other mental health professionals. This conference provides a valuable opportunity for graduate students to discuss relevant ethical topics with other mental professionals. This conference also allows students to meet some of their textbook authors!



Topics presented at this year's conference include the following:

Counseling in a diverse world: Legal issues, value conflicts, and biases in counselors

Issues with parental consent for sexual minority adolescents and possible alternatives: Protecting our youth

Presented by Dr. Tang, Piper Todd, Stacie Slabaugh, Zoe Pearlz (*Pictured on the left*)

Dr. Tang and Dr. Nelson are former students of Dr. Ted Remley, the director of the Ethics Conference. So, LSUS students reap the benefits in that they are invited to an exclusive party to rub shoulders with the Who's Who of the psychology world!

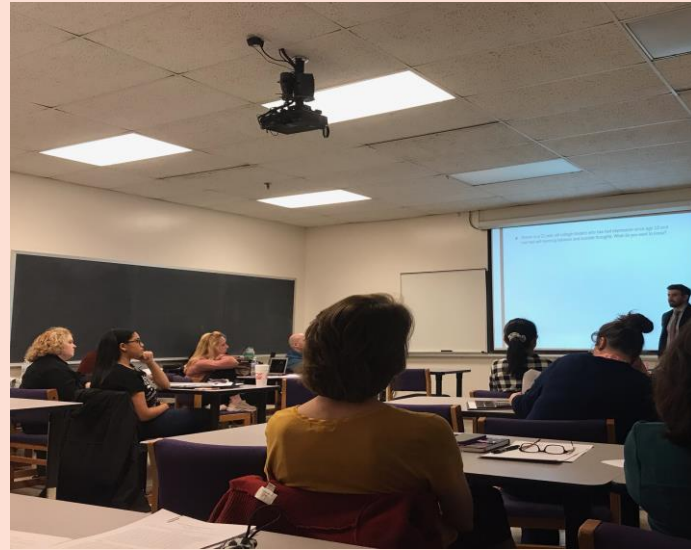
(*Pictured on the right*) Dr. Tang, Dr. Ted Remley, Zoe Pearlz, Piper Todd



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Ethics Workshop

CSI organized a workshop which offered NBCC-approved Ethics CEUs to local mental health professionals and counseling graduate students.



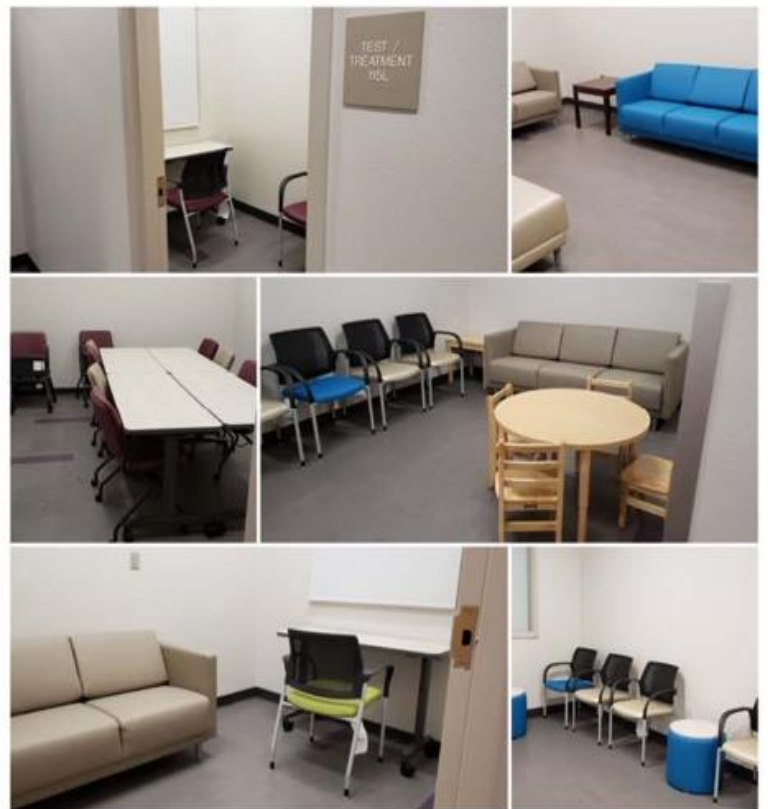
For this workshop, Dr. Erik Braun provided a forum and presentation on the clinical relationship between counselor and client, "Navigating and Understanding Counselor-Client Boundary Issues as a Counselor." During this workshop, counselors, counselor educators, and graduate counseling students examined and discussed the importance of setting therapeutic boundaries.

## COMING SOON!

### Community Mental Health Clinic

**MSC will soon be able to offer mental health services in the downstairs clinic!**

Located on the first floor of the BE building, the clinic is currently being renovated and furnished. Students who have participated in R.O.C.K., the reading program for underperforming children, are familiar with this clinic. Complete with a waiting room, the clinic is made up of 2 group rooms as well as several rooms designed for individual counseling and assessments. In collaboration with the School Psychology program, MSC will also partner with local organizations such as LSU Allied Health, Caddo Juvenile Court, and PACE to offer much needed mental health services to the community.





# REHABILITATION COUNSELING

Spring 2020

**The first courses for the Rehabilitation track began to roll out in the Spring of 2020. Dr. Blalock, resident Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), created the curriculum in record time.**

Over the past year or so, Dr. Blalock has worked diligently in creating rehabilitation courses so that students may obtain the additional CRC certification. After MSC students complete the CRC coursework, they are eligible to take the CRC exam; and upon successful completion of the exam, students will obtain this national certification. Before the CRC track became a part of the MSC program, she offered an introductory course to rehabilitation which many students took to fulfill their elective requirement. This course is now the Professional Orientation and Ethics in Rehabilitation Counseling. In addition, she offers 3 additional rehabilitation courses: Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Disability, Rehabilitation Case Management, and Employment Development and Vocational Placement. Thanks to Dr. Blalock's tireless work, students are on track to complete their CRC coursework as soon as Summer of 2020.



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