



## The Department of Counseling

College of Health Professions & Social Work



### Florida Gulf Coast University 2013-2014 School Year School and Clinical Mental Health Counseling Programs Outcomes/Feedback Report

**Accreditation/Program Approval:** Both programs completed CACREP reaccreditation in May of 2013 a results of and received the results of the site visit in July. After a response and correction to the programs' organization, the programs both received full CACREP accreditation through July of 2021. Both FGCU MA and Med programs in School Counseling are additionally approved by Florida's Department of Education and by CAEP (formerly NCATE) through FGCU's College of Education.

**Organizational Changes:** In January, 2014 the Counseling programs were relocated from the College of Education and formed an independent department in the College of Health Professions and Social Work.

**Student Enrollment/Graduates:** FGCU has two CACREP accredited counseling programs: School and Mental Health Counseling. In the year 2012-13 there were 8 admitted to the School Counseling Program and 29 admitted to the Mental Health Counseling Program of the 69 total applications received. Of these, 6 matriculated into school counseling and 22 matriculated into mental health counseling. Several in each program deferred admission to a subsequent entry period. Six (6) students graduated from the School Counseling program in May, 2014 and 16 graduated from Clinical Mental Health Counseling in August of 2014. Between the two programs there were a total of 79 students enrolled on a part-time basis.

**Faculty:** For Fall 2013, the program was comprised of four full-time faculty and a half time Instructor/Clinical Coordinator. In January 2014, one full-time faculty member resigned from the University and the Instructor/Clinical Coordinator as increased to a full-time assignment. By the end of the academic year, 2014, the Counseling Department was comprised of Department Chair, Professor Madelyn Isaacs, Program Coordinator, Associate Professor Abbe Finn, Professor Russell Sabella, and Instructor/Clinical Coordinator Beth Nehamkin. They will be joined in the Fall of 2014 by Visiting Assistant Professor Tracy Hutchinson. A search for a permanent replacement faculty member will commence in the fall of 2014.

#### **Outcomes:**

FGCU tracks its student performance outcomes using a variety of methods that include student performance reviews conducted every semester, student performance on certification and licensing exams, and monitoring performance on the exit exam which provides information against a national standard as well as longitudinal data . FGCU Counseling students exceed the national average in each of the eight subtest areas and in the overall score. Several areas have been targeted for performance improvement over the last five years and these have demonstrated improvement during that time period.

As well, each of the programs assessed every student accomplishment of every CACREP and Florida Educator Accomplished Practices and preparation competencies using the Livetext tracking system.

All of FGCU's 2013 Spring and summer graduates were employed. All school counseling graduates passed the state's certification examinations and qualified for certification in 2013 and 2014. No data on Clinical Mental Health Counselor graduate employment is available at the time of this report.