

Master of Arts in Counseling

2021 Survey Evaluation Annual Report

Respondent	Feedback	Faculty Review	Modification(s) Made Based on Feedback	Discussion and/or Other Program Changes
Alum	While my individual supervision was sufficient, I didn't always feel challenged or like supervision was more than a checkbox at my practicum and internship placements, but I did feel challenged, supported, and like I was always getting to learn when I met for individual and group supervision with the MAC professors. It may be helpful to increase individual supervision with faculty. I think there were times I would have appreciated that; however, it did not hinder my learning.	Most site supervisors are excellent, and some could use support deepening their capacity for clinical supervision. Supervision should not be primarily administrative and should support students' clinical development.	Add greater "expectations for clinical supervision" to the Professional Practice Handbook.	Consider creating videos and training resources for supervisors. Post to Moodle, and add site supervisors each year.
Alum	More pharmacology; diagnosis; research into one semester.	This (psychopharmacology) has historically been a place where students could use more training, though much of this is outside the purview of LPCs. Faculty agree that the research course could be condensed into one 3SH course instead of a 3SH course and a 2SH course.	Consider a psychopharmacology training through our HRSA BHWET grant	Curricular changes (COUN 537, COUN 618), Adv. Psychopathology, Adv. Multicultural
Alum	More education and information on documentation and insurance; Note taking	This has been regular feedback.	Add textbook to Practicum, Internship I, and Internship II to support further resources for documentation and navigating insurance	No additional discussion or changes.

Alum	More practice identifying diagnoses and appropriate correlating interventions; More practice with diagnosing/psychopathology knowledge; best practices for common mental diagnosis	Students can't have too much training here.	Add Adv. Psychopathology	Students will now have 5SH total of psychopathology: Psychopathology (3SH) and Adv. Psychopathology (2SH)
Alum	Add an intensive in-home elective course	An interesting suggestion, and pertinent to many residency positions, however the elective roster is full. Should that change, this will be kept in mind.	Include discussions of in-home counseling and other common residency positions in PIFE and Career Counseling	No additional discussion or changes.
Alum	Increasing the individual supervision and assistance with residency at the beginning of the last semester.	Keep Residency meeting as is. Perhaps expand residency preparation in the Career Counseling Course.	Dr. Horst will add greater discussion of Residency preparation and supervision into the Career Counseling course.	Keep Residency meeting hosted by the Professional Practice Coordinator
Alum	I think it would be valuable to include more content on sexual development, sexuality, and sexual violence in order to meet clients' holistic needs. I find that this is content which was not a focal point while I was a student, but it is a valuable topic for counselors to understand. I think a specific course on Sex and Sexuality was added as I was ending my education, which is great for future students. It could even be valuable to have guest speakers talk about a myriad of themes since this topic is so expansive.	Used to offer a sexuality elective course. Faculty agree that this is important. The instructor who taught the course is no longer with the dept. If possible, would like to include this elective. Content could also be placed into existing courses.	Dr. Horst will add greater discussion of sexuality into the Supervision and Consultation course. Dr. Czyszczon will add greater discussion of sexuality into the ICP course.	Consider training seminars on the topic of sexuality in counseling.

Alum	More support for the steps before and after graduation: helping graduates connect to professionals in the field before graduating, getting set up for residency and to take the exam	Information on post-graduation work and residency is supplied during the annual residency meeting, COUN 507, COUN 637, and other courses. However, faculty would be interested in adding more information about the NCMHCE and NCE. Additionally, supporting students efforts at networking with other professionals would be helpful.	Dr. Horst will include more information about the NCMHCE and NCE, as well as the steps to licensure in Virginia and other jurisdictions of counseling licensure in COUN 507 and COUN 637.	No additional discussion or changes.
Alum	I didn't feel prepared for the realities of counseling in a rural, underserved area, I felt a bit thrown to the wolves because I didn't know how to sit with high intensity clients all day. I would have liked to know more about the pros and cons of working in different fields of counseling and the finances. It has been difficult to find a job doing the kind of therapy we were exposed to during the program that is sustainable	Students serve rural and medically underserved communities in the practicum and internship. However, for those students who may have placements in college counseling centers or similar sites, more preparation could be helpful.	The PD and PPC will work to include more information on working in rural and MUC's in the interprofessional series through the HRSA BHWET grant award.	No additional discussion or changes.
Employer	Solid program! Send me more graduates to employ!	The faculty appreciate the affirmation.	No action.	No additional discussion or changes.
Employer	More focus on diagnostics before entering the field.	The expansion of the psychopathology curriculum to SSH through the additon of COUN 530 should address this.	Faculty will continue to monitor student, supervisor, and employer feedback on this topic.	No additional discussion or changes.

Employer	increase diverse work environments, additional trauma focused trainings	As part of our HRSA BHWET competing continuation grant award, the professional practice coordinator is continuing to build partnership with new and diverse site placements, especially in rural and medically underserved communities. Additionally, the HRSA BHWET grant award has allowed us to offer trauma training from leading experts (e.g. Bonnie Badenoch, Kari Gleiser), and we will continue to do so for the life of the grant award and beyond.	The PPC and PD will continue to seek out and form partnerships with new site placements, especially in rural and medically underserved areas. The PPC and PD will continue to offer trauma focused trainings from leading experts through the HRSA BHWET grant award.	No additional discussion or changes.
Supervisor	As with all counseling programs I'm aware of: Working with Serious Mental Illness population. such as how to navigate A/V hallucinations and delusional thought content	Helpful feedback. Will consider ways to integrate with the addition of Adv. Psychopathology	Dr. Hammond will review SMI content, including A/V hallucinations and delusional thought content in the Adv. Psychopathology course	Consider training through the HRSA Grant on SMI. Consider guest speakers who work regularly with SMI population.
Supervisor	Talking through the process of note taking and the language typically used.	Parallels some student feedback. Important to address.	Add text to Practicum, Internship 1 and Internship 2 to support note taking and professional language.	Courses such as S&C, Techniques, ICP, and Practicum, and Internship 1&2 can also hold this content.
Supervisor	Have clearer expectations of the program and the site to the student at the beginning to not have confusion once started	Connects to student feedback on quality of supervision from some site supervisors.	Add greater "expectations for clinical supervision" to the Professional Practice Handbook.	Consider creating videos and training resources for supervisors. Post to Moodle, and add site supervisors each year.
Supervisor	Perhaps more focus on children and youth diagnosis and treatment.	Will consider for Children and Adolescents course, Psychopathology/ Adv.Psychopathology, HG&D	Dr. Hammond will review C&A, Psychopathology/Adv.Psychopathology. Dr. Czyszczon will review HG&D	No additional discussion or changes.

Supervisor	Maybe realistic expectations for jobs post graduation	This is a constant discussion and place for advocacy in the field. Career Counseling and Internship could hold these conversations.	Dr. Horst will review Career Counseling for greater discussion around residency job expectations. Drs. Cline and Czyszczo will review Internship I & II for places to hold this conversation as well.	No additional discussion or changes.
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