

# The UPDATE

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**Bowling Green State University  
Clinical Mental Health and  
School Counseling Programs**

**The Bowling Green State  
University's Clinical Mental  
Health & School  
Counseling Programs'  
communication for  
students, alumni, site  
supervisors, and other  
stakeholders.**

### Spring Self Care Tips

1. Park walking
2. Lawn & garden projects
3. Sing and/or dance in the rain
4. Make a new playlist
5. Read a new book

## Exciting Changes

We hope the spring is off to a great start for you! We are wrapping up yet another academic year here at Bowling Green State University. As stakeholders in our programs, we would like to keep you informed about the progress and changes within our programs and school.



In fall 2023, we welcomed Dr. Ellise Nolan as a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor.

Dr. Nolan is also stepping into the role of the clinical mental health counseling practicum and internship field site coordinator.

Dr. Nolan's research agenda involves understanding how relational factors in counselor education influence holistic counselor development, exploring and promoting counselor wellness and integrating allyship into counseling and teaching. Dr. Nolan also has a passion for involving spirituality in counseling and recently served as President for the Ohio Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling for the 2021-2022 year. We are thrilled she has joined our programs!

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) and School Counseling (SC) programs at Bowling Green State University are committed to BGSU's mission of being a public university for the public good. To ensure we are meeting our mission and students are achieving the required educational objectives, we regularly collect and evaluate data from a variety of sources. We invite you to visit our [Counseling Program Evaluation Outcomes](#) page and read the full annual Program Evaluation Outcome Reports and the CACREP Vital Statistics Surveys from our most recent academic years 2022-2023 and 2021-2022. We are pleased to share a summary and highlights.

## By the Numbers

In Fall 2022 we welcomed 15 new students to our programs and had a total of 107 students enrolled across both degree programs.

From Fall 2022 through summer 2023, 76 students were enrolled in the CMHC program. We are proud of the 38 who graduated. The estimated CMHC completion rate as 88%. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of these students passed the National Counselor Examination (NCE) required for licensure. All of the CMHC graduates were employed within three months of graduation.

From Fall 2022 through summer 2023, 31 students were enrolled in the SC program. Sixteen (16) very capable individuals graduated and this program has a 98% completion rate. The pass rate for Ohio Assessment for Educators 040, required for school counseling licensure, was 92%, and 93% of SC graduates were employed in the field within three months of graduation.

## Advisory Council Revitalization

The Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling Programs' Advisory Council (CMHSC-PAC) was revitalized and initiated meetings again starting in December 2023. Faculty are genuinely appreciative of the nine people from across our stakeholder groups who demonstrate a commitment to ongoing collaboration to provide input on program effectiveness and enhancement.

## Site Supervisor Feedback

Feedback provided by our programs' site supervisors helped faculty identify areas for improvement, including CMHSC practicum student preparation for diagnostic assessment with children and adolescents and skills in using the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria. Suggestions for our SC students included enhanced skills and confidence in classroom/behavior management.

Informal feedback from students included a desire for site supervisors to continue to enhance their cultural responsiveness in supervision. Formal feedback from students included a desire for additional instruction and encouragement to try a wider range of counseling techniques, and to increase use of session recordings to enhance student insight and skills development.

The CMHSC core faculty are committed to ongoing program evaluation and to continue to adapt to changing educational and mental health needs and best practices.

## Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

- Both our degree programs continue to be accredited by CACREP under the 2016 Standards. The 2024 CACREP Standards have been published and faculty are currently reviewing those and our programs to see what changes will be needed.
- Maintaining CACREP accreditation for our Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is required for graduates to be eligible for LPC licensure in Ohio.
- As part of maintaining our CACREP accreditation, we completed our required Mid-Cycle Report. Following its review of the Mid-Cycle Report, the CACREP board decided to continue accreditation for the CMHC and SC programs with a progress report required to address compliance with three CACREP Standards related to evaluation in the programs.

# Alumni Corner

## Join the New Alumni Listserv!

Introducing the new CMHSC Alumni Listserv! This new tool will assist us in staying in touch with all our programs' alumni.

**[Follow this link](#)**, and select "Subscribe" from the right-hand side menu. Enter the email you wish to use for the service.

Current students and alumni actively participated in the 2023 All Ohio Counselors Conference and the 2024 Legislative Advocacy Day. It is great to see such engagement from those connected to the BGSU CMHSC Programs!

# College Realignment

The BGSU's College of Education and Human Development completed its reorganization, effective fall 2023. Our counseling programs have aided in the founding of the new School of Counseling, Higher Education, Leadership, & Foundations (SCHELF). As faculty, we are excited about this change and the synergy already being expressed with our new school colleagues.

## Faculty Search

With the aid of an amazing search committee, consisting of faculty and students, we completed a national search for another counseling faculty member. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Heather Fye will be joining us in August 2024. We are excited for the great addition to the BGSU counseling legacy. We will share more about Dr. Fye in an upcoming issue.

