COUNSELOR EDUCATION

GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

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The Counselor Education faculty offices and mailboxes are located in Neff Hall, Suite 250. Students seeking information or appointments with faculty members should contact the faculty member directly or call the Department Secretary, Ms. Dawn Adams, at 260-481-6861. The office is staffed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

It is important that we be able to keep in regular communication with all Counselor Education students. Please be sure we have your current local address and phone number. If you change your name, address, or phone number during the year, it is your responsibility to contact the Department Secretary, Ms. Dawn Adams (481-6861; adamd@ipfw.edu) with these changes. Please be certain to inform the IPFW Registrar of any changes as well.

Much of our communication with students will occur via email. Upon entering the program you will be assigned a university email address; this is the address we will use for communicating with you. Therefore, if you will not be actively using your university email address, it is your responsibility to have that address linked to the active email address of your choice.
Finally, when you graduate you may leave us, but we do not want to lose contact with you. It is important to us in the Counselor Education program that we keep in contact with our graduates. We therefore ask that when you relocate or change addresses, please let us know where you are. Please also keep us current as to your professional activities and accomplishments. You may do this through the IPFW Counselor Education Facebook Group and/or by contacting Dawn Adams or Dr. Fineran. You may receive post-graduate surveys asking about how your education at IPFW has prepared you for your professional activities- please consider filling out and returning these requests for information.

WELCOME TO THE COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Welcome to the Counselor Education program in the College of Education and Public Policy at IPFW. As members of the Counselor Education faculty, we invite you to participate in an educational program that we trust will prove challenging, stimulating, and valuable.

In our program, we offer Master’s Degree Programs in both Couple and Family Counseling and School Counseling. The Couple and Family Counseling program is designed to prepare students for the Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) license in Indiana. The School Counseling program is designed to prepare students to be Licensed School Counselors (K-12) in Indiana. Additional post-graduation requirements must also be met for full licensure; these requirements will be carefully reviewed with students throughout the program.

As faculty members, we are committed to your professional development and success as individuals as well as to fostering a cohesive learning community. This Counselor Education Graduate Student Handbook is intended to highlight relevant information about resources, policies, and procedures to help you make the most of your training in the program. More detailed information regarding the program is available from your program faculty advisor, the Program Director, and from the College of Education and Public Policy. For university policies and procedures applicable to all graduate students, consult the IPFW Graduate Bulletin.

Counselor Education Program Mission

We in the Counselor Education program at IPFW strive to be a premiere training institution where we prepare clinically skilled, research-informed, compassionate, and reflective professional counselors. We are committed to providing a multidimensional training philosophy that involves an emphasis on mental "health" (vs. pathology), the value attached to understanding common developmental themes occurring throughout the lifespan, and an orientation in which counselors conceptualize individuals as embedded interactionally within multiple systems. We believe that an understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism, diversity, and social justice are integral to the preparation of professional counselors. As such, we are committed to developing professionals who are advocates for both individual and systemic change at local through global levels.
Conceptual Framework

The Counselor Education Program is also committed to the Conceptual Framework of the Professional Studies and Educational Studies Departments:

Transformative scholar-practitioners are broadly defined as leaders in education and public policy who weave between research and practice, and theory and experience, constantly working within communities to foster learning and a just, democratic society. Graduates of our programs use their strong foundation of knowledge of content, methodologies, and exemplary practices as well as their habits of mind to critically reflect on those components. They advocate for public policies and practices that benefit the people they serve, the community, and their professions while striving to build a more just, inclusive, democratic community, and to expand and strengthen public voice and identity.

Specifically, the departments strive to prepare future leaders who thoroughly understand, consciously apply, and intentionally use democracy and community, habits of mind, and advocacy in their professional endeavors. We define those concepts as:

1. **Democracy and Community**

Transformative scholar-practitioners need to be a part of a dynamic, diverse professional community. They actively explore what it means to live and participate in a diverse, just, and global world. They use that knowledge to inform effective practice which demonstrates their respect for and valuing of our multicultural, multilingual, and multi-abled society. Through this they work towards developing communities that are more cognizant of and compassionate toward democratic encounters over moral, cultural, social, political and economic differences. Consequently, the departments support transformative scholar-practitioners who strive for and create democratic, just, inclusive communities.

2. **Habits of Mind**

Transformative scholar-practitioners develop more powerful cognition and action through their strong knowledge of content, methodologies, and exemplary practices. However, they realize that such knowledge alone is not sufficient. They practice critical thinking and reflection as they explore the reciprocal relationship between scholarship and practice. Within the context of a compassionate, caring community, transformative scholar-practitioners foster habits of minds such as investigating, inquiring, challenging, critiquing, questioning, analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating. They view such habits of mind as necessary for engaging students, clients, community members, and the public in the process of teaching and learning. Consequently, the departments foster transformative scholar-practitioners who integrate critical habits of the mind in all aspects of their professional work.

3. **Advocacy**

Transformative scholar-practitioners develop and support the rights of students, clients, and community members as they advocate for the people they serve and the profession. They cultivate professional, public visions informed by historical and cultural perspectives. They strive to set the highest goals for themselves and the profession while inspiring their colleagues to do likewise. Transformative scholar-practitioners resolve professional and ethical challenges through the convergence of knowledge, theory, and practice. Consequently, the departments facilitate transformative scholar-practitioners’ development as professional and community advocates.
### 1st Year 2017/2018

**Summer 2017**
- EDUC G502 Professional Orientation and Ethics (3 credits)
- EDUC G580 Essential Counseling Skills (3 credits)

**Fall 2017**
- EDUC G575 Multicultural Counseling (3 credits)
- EDUC G503 Counseling Theories and Techniques I (3 credits)
- EDUC M501 Lab/Field Experience (0 credit) (stay until 8:30pm after theories)

**Spring 2018**
- EDUC G504 Counseling Theories and Techniques II (3 credits)
- EDUC G580 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (3 credits)

**Summer I 2018**
- EDUC P514 Lifespan Development (3 credits)
- EDUC G580 Career Counseling (3 credits) (potential semester change)

**Summer II 2018**
- EDUC G580 Child & Adolescent Counseling (3 credits)

### 2nd Year 2018/2019

**Fall 2018**
- EDUC G524 Practicum in Counseling (3 credits) (daytime option) (plan to stay until 10pm)
- EDUC G567 Introduction to Marriage & Family Counseling (3 credits)

**Spring 2019**
- EDUC G525 Advanced Counseling Practicum (3 credits) (day and time remain the same from fall semester)
- EDUC G580 Foundations of Mental Health Counseling (3 credits)

**Summer I 2019**
- EDUC G580 Addictions Counseling (3 credits)
- EDUC G550 Internship in Counseling and Guidance (3 credits) (practicum continued- same day/time)

**Summer II 2019**
- EDUC G505 Individual Appraisal: Principles & Procedures (3 credits)
- EDUC G550 Internship (continued)

### 3rd Year 2019/2020

**Fall 2019**
- EDUC G532 Introduction to Group Counseling (3 credits)
- EDUC G551 Advanced Internship in Counseling (3 credits)
- EDUC M501 Lab/Field Experience (0 credit) (no extra class time)

**Spring 2020**
- EDUC G551 Advanced Internship in Counseling (3 credits)
- EDUC G590 Research in Counseling & Guidance (3 credits)

Total Credits: 60

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1st Year 2017/2018

**SUMMER 2017**
EDUC G502 Professional Orientation and Ethics (3 credits)
EDUC G580 Essential Counseling Skills (3 credits)

**FALL 2017**
EDUC G575 Multicultural Counseling (3 credits)
EDUC G503 Counseling Theories and Techniques I (3 credits)
EDUC M501 Lab/Field Experience (0 credit) (stay until 8:30pm after theories)

**SPRING 2018**
EDUC G504 Counseling Theories and Techniques II (3 credits)
EDUC G542 Organization & Development of Counseling Programs (3 credits)

**SUMMER I 2018**
EDUC P514 Lifespan Development (3 credits)

**SUMMER II 2018**
EDUC G580 Child & Adolescent Counseling (3 credits)

2nd Year 2018/2019

**FALL 2018**
EDUC G524 Practicum in Counseling (3 credits) (daytime option) (plan to stay until 10pm)
EDUC G552 Career Counseling-Theory/Practice (3 credits)

**SPRING 2019**
EDUC G525 Advanced Counseling Practicum (3 credits) (day and time remain the same from fall semester)
EDUC G562 School Counseling: Intervention, Consultation, & Program Development (3 credits)

**SUMMER I 2019**
EDUC K505 Introduction to Special Education (3 credits)
EDUC G580 Specialized Internship in Career Counseling (0-3 credits)

**SUMMER II 2019**
EDUC G505 Individual Appraisal: Principles & Procedures (3 credits)
EDUC G580 Specialized Internship in Career Counseling (0-3 credits) (continued)

3rd Year 2019/2020

**FALL 2019**
EDUC G532 Introduction to Group Counseling (3 credits)
EDUC G551 Advanced Internship in Counseling (3 credits)
EDUC M501 Lab/Field Experience (0 credit) (no extra class time)

**SPRING 2020**
EDUC G551 Advanced Internship in Counseling (3 credits)
EDUC G590 Research in Counseling & Guidance (3 credits)

**Total Credits: 54-57**

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Counselor Education Program Policies
CE PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION, RETENTION, & GRADUATION

Admission Requirements

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited institution
- Undergraduate GPA at or above 3.0 (or demonstration of ability to succeed in graduate school through demonstrated through other equivalent measures such as graduate coursework GPA or GRE scores)
- 3 professional letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose (a 2-page statement of the applicant’s goals for entering the CE program, qualifications and/or experience, and other applicable information)
- Applicant Interview

Academic Standing, Remediation and Dismissal

- Consistent with the IPFW Graduate Bulletin, all students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to remain in good standing. Students with a cumulative GPA of below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation, and will be required to bring their GPAs up to 3.0 during their next semester of enrollment or they will be recommended to the Dean of the College of Education and Public Policy for dismissal from the program.
- Students who receive one grade of ‘C+’ or lower in the program will be placed on academic probation. Students earning a second grade of ‘C+’ or lower will be recommended to the Dean of the College of Education and Public Policy for dismissal from the program.
- Any course in which a student receives a grade of ‘D’ or ‘F’ (any version) must be retaken.
- Any student placed on academic probation will meet with his or her program faculty advisor to develop a remediation plan in order to assist the student in successfully moving off of probation. The faculty advisor will present this remediation plan for approval by the program director prior to the student engaging in the remediation activities.
- Additionally, students enrolled in the Counselor Education program must maintain the following academic criteria:
  - All students must successfully complete both G524 (Practicum) and G525 (Advanced Practicum) with a grade of A or B (any version) to be admitted to Internship.
  - CFC students must successfully complete one semester of G550 (Internship) and two semesters of G551 (Advanced Internship) with a grade of A or B (any version) in order to graduate.
SC students must successfully complete one semester of G550 (Internship) and one semester of G551 (Advanced Internship) with a grade of A or B (any version) in order to graduate.

- It is suggested that students who earn a “B-” in a course discuss this with their advisor, as this is often a warning sign of unsatisfactory academic progress.

**Grading Policy**

All final course grades in the Counselor Education Program are assigned as delineated in the chart below:

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**Grade Appeals**

IPFW’s grade appeal policy applies to all students in the Counselor Education program. It is as follows: The grade appeals policy applies to all students enrolled at IPFW. It can be used by any student who has evidence or believes that evidence exists to show that a course grade was assigned or a similar evaluation was made as a result of prejudice, caprice, or other improper condition such as mechanical error. In appealing, the student must support in writing the allegation that an improper decision has been made and must specify the remedy sought. The student should seek the assistance of the IPFW Dean of Students in pursuing the appeal. During an appeal, the burden of proof is on the student, except in the case of alleged academic dishonesty, where the instructor must support the allegation. The student may have an advisor or friend present during all meetings with faculty members, administrators, and/or committees; he
or she may advise the student but may not speak for the student during the meetings. Grades
may be changed only by a university authority upon the decision of the grade appeals
subcommittee or by the instructor any time prior to the decision of the grade appeals
subcommittee.

**Appeal deadlines.** An appeal must be initiated no later than the fourth week of the fall or
spring semester immediately following the session in which the grade was assigned. A final
decision at each step must be reported within 30 calendar days of the filing of an appeal at that
step, provided that this deadline falls within the regular academic year (fall or spring semester).
If the deadline falls during the summer, the decision must be reported within 30 calendar days of
the start of the fall semester. Each successive step in the appeals procedure must be initiated
within three calendar weeks of the completion of the prior step.

**Steps in the Process of a Grade Appeal**

Step 1. *Course instructor:* The student makes an appointment with his or her instructor to discuss
the matter. If the instructor is unavailable, the department or program chair shall authorize an
extension of time or allow the student to proceed to Step 2. If the chair is unavailable, the dean of
the college or school shall authorize the extension.

Step 2. *College/school/department/program:* If the matter has not been resolved at Step 1, the
student makes an appointment with the chair of the department or program offering the course,
who may make an informal attempt to resolve the appeal. If the appeal is not resolved
informally, the chair will direct the student procedurally in making an appeal to the college,
school, department, or program committee. Only one committee shall hear the appeal in Step 2.
The student filing an appeal shall have the opportunity to be heard in person by the committee.

Step 3. *Grade appeals subcommittee:* If the matter has not been resolved at Step 2, the student
makes an appointment with the dean of students, who will direct the student procedurally in
submitting the case to the grade appeals subcommittee.

*College/school/department/program appeals procedure.* Each college, school, department or
program will establish appeals procedures that provide for a committee of three or more faculty
members responsible for hearing grade appeals related to courses listed or administered by that
college/school/department/program if those appeals have not been satisfactorily resolved.
between the student and the instructor or informally by the department chair. The procedures established by each college, school, department or program shall provide for each case to be heard by only one such committee. The procedure shall provide the opportunity for the student to be heard in person and for the decision to be reported in writing to the student and the instructor. A copy of each unit’s procedures will be given to the vice chancellor for academic affairs, to the dean of students, and to students, upon request.

**Grade appeals subcommittee.** This subcommittee shall consist of nine members elected from among the Voting Faculty according to procedures specified in the Bylaws of the Senate. Before hearing the details of a case, the subcommittee will decide by majority vote whether to consider the appeal and will report its decision in writing within 30 calendar days. The bases for a decision to consider an appeal may include (but not be limited to) a finding that (1) improper procedures have been followed by university employees at earlier steps of the appeal; (2) new information is present; or (3) the instructor has declined to accept the college, school, department, or program committee’s recommendation. No member of the subcommittee may take part in an appeal involving a course or instructor from the member’s department or program. Members should also recuse themselves from cases in which they have potential conflicts of interest, personal involvement, schedules that will interfere with hearing the appeal in a timely manner, or other disqualifying causes. From those members remaining, the chair will elect the five-person hearing panel. The panel members will elect a chair who will be responsible for making arrangements related to the case. If the case is to be heard, the hearing will take place within 30 days of the decision to hear the appeal, or within 30 days of the start of the fall semester, whichever is applicable. Each member of the panel will vote on whether the appeal is valid, and if so, on what remedy should be provided. If the panel, by majority vote, finds in favor of changing a grade, the chair shall report this finding to the registrar and to the parties listed below. The decision of the panel is binding on all parties and may not be appealed.

**Reporting of subcommittee and panel decisions.** The subcommittee and each panel shall report its finding and actions to the student; the college, school, department, or program from which the appeal came; the instructor; the chair of the student’s department; the dean or director of the student’s school or division; the dean of students; and (in the case of a panel decision) the chair of the grade appeals subcommittee.
**Academic Integrity**

All Counselor Education students are bound by the IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct as described in the IPFW Graduate Bulletin and which can be found at: http://bulletin.ipfw.edu/content.php?catoid=44&navoid=1204. All students must also maintain the highest level of academic honesty as described in the Ethical Standards of the American Counseling Association, the American School Counseling Association, and the Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association. All students are expected to understand and comply with these policies; ignorance of the codes is not a valid excuse for an act of academic dishonesty.

**CE PROGRAM STUDENT BEHAVIOR REVIEW POLICY**

The IPFW Counselor Education Program prepares graduates for licensure in the State of Indiana as LMHCs or School Counselors. These licenses require clinical experience as a part of graduate training. Additionally, these licenses require graduates to perform their duties in an ethical and professional manner. The program, in compliance with the Ethical Standards, Standards of Preparation, and Professional Conduct Codes of the American Counseling Association (ACA), the American School Counseling Association (ASCA), and the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), abides by these standards and holds students to these same standards as well. Inability to complete academic and clinical components of the curriculum due to emotional or behavioral issues, or inability to demonstrate professional and ethical behavior as defined by these organizations, may result in dismissal from the program.

The following behavior review policy is intended to ensure that students successfully complete the academic and clinical components of the program and demonstrate appropriate ethical and professional behavior. This policy applies to all students in the program. A full description of the policy, along with desired professional characteristics of counseling students, is included in Appendix A.

The behavior review policy enables the faculty to share information about student progress. Student review is an item on the agenda on all regular Counselor Education faculty meetings. At that time, any questions about students may be raised for faculty consideration. Once a year, a faculty meeting is set aside for student review. At this meeting, the progress of all students in the counseling program is assessed. Students who are not making satisfactory progress or about whom
faculty members have expressed significant concern are asked to make an appointment with their faculty advisors in order to facilitate appropriate program adjustment.

If, in the professional judgment of a Counselor Education faculty member, a student is underperforming academically or if the student’s behavior is deemed professionally inappropriate, inadequate, and/or unethical, the following steps are taken (according to the student's right to due process):

1. The faculty member(s) who has become aware of a problem will meet with the student. The student will at this time be made aware of the concerns and be allowed to respond. The student may also request to have another faculty member or the program director present at the meeting. The faculty member(s) will outline desired changes in the student’s behavior and recommendations for improvement. This meeting will be documented in writing by the faculty member(s). Examples of problems which may be addressed include, but are not limited to:

   - Affect, emotions, or behaviors that negatively impact academic or clinical performance;
   - Ineffective interpersonal skills;
   - Lack of respect for the feelings, opinions, knowledge, and abilities of others;
   - Lack of awareness of social and professional behaviors and expectations;
   - Unwillingness/inability to reflect upon and take responsibility for own behavior;
   - Unwillingness/inability to accept suggestions positively and modify behavior appropriately.

If requirements are placed upon the student for continuation in the counseling program, these requirements must be approved by the program director. The report, including recommendation and/or requirements, will be placed in the student's file and a copy will be provided to the student. Included in this report will be an appropriate timeline for the necessary modifications of behavior.

If deemed necessary, the recommendations made by the faculty member(s) may include immediate suspension of clinical privileges in practicum or internship until the necessary behavioral modifications have been made.

Following the meeting between the faculty member(s) and the student, if the student wishes to appeal the results of the meeting including any recommendations or requirements that were outlined, the student may appeal to the Student Affairs Committee of the Department of
Professional Studies by contacting the Professional Studies Department Chair (Interim Chair Dr. Joe Nichols, nicholsj@ipfw.edu).

2. The Counselor Education Program Director and/or the student’s advisor will monitor and document the student's progress or lack of progress in carrying out the written plan and recommendations. The student's failure to comply with the recommendations in the specified timeline may lead to the student's file being forwarded to the Dean of the CEPP or the IPFW Dean of Students with a recommendation that the student be dismissed from the program.

3. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean of the CEPP or the Dean of Students, he or she may subsequently follow the appeals procedure of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, listed in the IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct in the graduate bulletin at http://bulletin.ipfw.edu.

ADDITIONAL COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM POLICIES

**Class Attendance**

Courses in the Counselor Education program are designed to be interactive and offer many opportunities for discussion, reflection, and experiential learning. As such, class time is an essential part of students’ learning and students are expected to attend all classes. Students should not miss classes except for valid reasons such as illness, accidents, or participation in officially approved university activities. When absent from classes, it is the student's responsibility to inform his or her instructors of the reason for the absence as early as possible and to arrange to make up missed assignments and class work insofar as this is possible. Specific attendance policies will be presented by faculty in course syllabi. Because hours in practicum and internship courses are counted toward supervision and licensure and there is a significant responsibility for client welfare, students may miss a maximum of 2 classes per semester. If three classes are missed, the student will need to withdraw from the course in order to prevent a failing grade.

**Student Program Revisions**

The Counselor Education Program is operated as a cohort program in which students progress through a sequenced program of study as a group. Under rare circumstances a student may need to revise or delay their program of study. If this occurs, students must consult with their faculty advisors and the Counselor Education Program Director to submit a revised plan of study. All program revisions must be approved by the Counselor Education Program Director and documented in the student’s file.
Non-Supervised Counseling Activities of Graduate Students

The position of the Counselor Education faculty is that students enrolled in the program will not engage in unsupervised counseling activities. It is the purpose of this statement to clarify those conditions under which students can obtain permission to engage in counseling activities independent of required practicum and internship experiences.

This policy applies to any student enrolled in a degree program or in a non-degree program of study approved by the faculty. The policy does not apply to students who engage in counseling under the auspices of a school or agency in which they are employed, and in which there are established administrative and supervisory procedures. Although students employed in settings providing on-site licensed supervision are exempt, the university does not assume legal liability for the clinical work of the students in these instances.

Any student wishing to advertise or perform counseling (individual, group, marriage, or family) should secure the written permission of the Director of Counselor Education. Permission will be granted only when it is clear that the student: (a) is competent to perform the counseling, (b) has arranged for acceptable supervision on a regular basis, and (c) will conduct the proposed activities during acceptable hours in a professional setting. The written approval of the Director of Counselor Education must be placed in the student's file. Any student found in violation of this policy is subject to immediate dismissal from the program.

Professional Organizations

Joining professional organizations is the beginning of students identifying themselves as professionals. These organizations welcome student members and encourage participation in professional activities at reduced rates. State and local chapters of organizations provide networking opportunities and allow students to be active at the grassroots level. An additional advantage to membership in professional organizations is the opportunity to preview state or national conferences and national publications. These organizations also offer free or reduced rates for membership services such as liability insurance (required for all IPFW practica and internships), travel services, and consumer discounts.

As members of a professional counselor training program, students are strongly encouraged to join the American Counseling Association (ACA) as their primary professional affiliation. Additionally, school counseling students are encouraged to join the American School Counseling Association (ASCA). Students may also wish to join other national divisions of ACA, or state or local organizations. Students can learn more about these organizations by exploring their websites:
ACA: [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org)

ASCA: [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)


Students are also strongly encouraged to attend a minimum of one professional conference during their time in the CE program. Presenting at a professional conference as an individual, group, or with a faculty member is also encouraged. If students plan to submit a proposal to present at a professional counseling conference (or submit any statements/essays to publications or contests) where they will be identified as counseling students or as members of the IPFW educational community, they must have their proposal/program reviewed by a core faculty member prior to proposing/presenting.

**Counselor Education Program Assessment**

Excellence in counselor training is the primary objective of the Counselor Education program at IPFW. In order to evaluate our program quality and continuously strive for improvement, we utilize a system that allows us to regularly assess our accomplishments in meeting professional training standards. The Counselor Education program is designed to meet the professional training standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), and our application for CACREP accreditation is in preparation.

Additionally, as a program of the College of Education and Public Policy at IPFW, the Counselor Education program’s curriculum follows the accreditation requirements of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The Counselor Education program’s assessment system is thus designed to meet both the CAEP and CACREP requirements for a system that assesses program and student performance on CACREP standards throughout the sequenced course of study.

Throughout their course of study, students will complete a number of Key Assessments of CACREP standards, which include common curricular experiences in eight core curricular areas that are required of all students in the CE program. The core curricular standards include the following areas: 1) professional orientation and ethical practice, 2) social and cultural diversity, 3) human growth and development, 4) career development, 5) helping relationships, 6) groupwork, 7) assessment, and 8) research and program evaluation. Additionally, CACREP specifies professional learning outcomes specific to each counseling specialty area.
These standards are assigned to specific courses within the counselor education program and are evaluated with related rubrics. Students in all graduate courses in Counselor Education will participate in the assessments. Thus, all CE graduate students are required to obtain an account in TaskStream, the program that houses the assessment system for the College of Education and Public Policy at IPFW. Student instructions for obtaining a TaskStream account can be found at the web address/hyperlink below. **Students should plan to enroll in this system during the month of September in their first year in the program. Students will need to enroll in an account AND enroll in a program. Program codes are 2017CFC for Couple and Family Counseling Students and 2017SCH for School Counseling Students.**

TaskStream Enrollment Instructions: [https://www.ipfw.edu/dotAsset/708f6865-0b39-4e33-bec4-5f8ced4e83c1.pdf](https://www.ipfw.edu/dotAsset/708f6865-0b39-4e33-bec4-5f8ced4e83c1.pdf)

**Returning Graduates Policy**

Students in the Counselor Education Program graduate with a specialization in either couple and family counseling or school counseling. Graduates of either specialization may apply to return to obtain the course work necessary for licensure in the specialization area from which they did not graduate.

Completing the educational requirements for an additional license will require additional coursework as well as an additional year of internship, taking at least one year to complete. Applicants must agree to complete all of the courses determined by the faculty as necessary for meeting the licensing standards. The number of courses will vary depending on when the student graduated and changes in the licensing laws.

Due to the logistical issues with arranging internships, graduates must apply for approval by April 1st to begin courses the following summer.

Graduates who apply for this option must submit an application to the Professional Studies Department Secretary consisting of:

1. A new application to the Counselor Education Program.
2. A letter of intent explaining his/her rationale for returning for the additional license area.
3. At least one professional letter of recommendation attesting to the graduate’s potential in the additional license area.
4. An updated resume or curriculum vita.
Applications will be reviewed by the faculty, and approval will be granted on a case-by-case basis.
APPENDIX A

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Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne

REMEDICATION PLAN PROCEDURES

It is the objective of the Counseling faculty to identify concerns about student competency as early as possible and to initiate the necessary procedures for addressing the concerns.

Academic Concerns:

- Consistent with the IPFW Graduate Bulletin, all students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to remain in good standing. Students with a cumulative GPA of below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation, and will be required to bring their GPAs up to 3.0 during their next semester of enrollment or they will be recommended to the Dean of the College of Education and Public Policy for dismissal from the program.

- Students who receive one grade of ‘C’ or lower in the program will be placed on academic probation. Students earning a second grade of ‘C’ or lower will be recommended to the Dean of the College of Education and Public Policy for dismissal from the program.

- Any course in which a student receives a grade of ‘D’ or ‘F’ must be retaken.

- Any student placed on academic probation will meet with his or her program faculty advisor to develop a remediation plan in order to assist the student in successfully moving off of probation. The faculty advisor will present this remediation plan for approval by the rest of program faculty prior to the student engaging in the remediation activities.

Additionally, students enrolled in the Counselor Education program must maintain the following academic criteria:

- All students must successfully complete both G524 (Practicum) and G525 (Advanced Practicum) with a grade of A or B to be admitted to Internship.

- CFC students must successfully complete one semester of G550 (Internship) and two semesters of G551 (Advanced Internship) with a grade of A or B in order to graduate.

- SC students must successfully complete one semester of G550 (Internship) and one semester of G551 (Advanced Internship) with a grade of A or B in order to graduate.

Grade Appeals: IPFW’s grade appeal policy applies to all students in the Counselor Education program. This policy is published in the IPFW Graduate Bulletin, which can be found at [http://bulletin.ipfw.edu](http://bulletin.ipfw.edu)

Academic Integrity Concerns:

All Counselor Education students are bound by the University's honor code as described in the IPFW Graduate Bulletin. All students must also maintain the highest level of academic honesty as described in the Ethical Standards of the American Counseling Association, the American School Counseling Association, and the Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association. All students are expected to understand and comply with these policies; ignorance of the codes is not a valid excuse for an act of academic dishonesty.

Behavioral, Clinical, and Ethical Concerns

The IPFW Counselor Education Program prepares graduates for licensure in the State of Indiana as LMHCs or School Counselors. These licenses require clinical experience as a part of graduate training. Additionally, these licenses require graduates to perform their duties in an ethical and professional manner. The program, in compliance with the Ethical Standards, Standards of Preparation, and Professional Conduct Codes of the American Counseling Association (ACA), the American School Counseling Association (ASCA), and the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), abides by these standards and holds students to these same standards as well. Inability to complete academic and clinical components of the curriculum due to emotional or behavioral issues, or inability to demonstrate professional and ethical behavior as defined by these organizations, may result in dismissal from the program.
The following behavior review policy is intended to ensure that students successfully complete the academic and clinical components of the program and demonstrate appropriate ethical and professional behavior. This policy applies to all students in the program.

The behavior review policy enables the faculty to share information about student progress. Student review is an item on the agenda on all regular Counselor Education faculty meetings. At that time, any questions about students may be raised for faculty consideration. Once a year, a faculty meeting is set aside for student review. At this meeting, the progress of all students in the counseling program is assessed. Students who are not making satisfactory progress are asked to make an appointment with their faculty advisors in order to facilitate appropriate program adjustment.

Academic concerns are one reason for a review meeting and the development of a remediation plan. However, behavioral, clinical, and ethical concerns may also warrant review and remediation. If, in the professional judgment of a Counselor Education faculty member, a student's behavior is deemed professionally inappropriate, inadequate, and/or unethical, the following steps are taken (according to the student's right to due process):

1. The faculty member(s) who has become aware of a problem will meet with the student. The student will at this time be made aware of the concerns and be allowed to respond. The student may also request to have another faculty member or the program director present at the meeting. The faculty member(s) will outline desired changes in the student’s behavior and recommendations for improvement. This meeting will be documented in writing by the faculty member(s). Examples of problems which may be addressed include, but are not limited to:
   - Affect, emotions or behaviors that negatively impact academic or clinical performance;
   - Ineffective interpersonal skills;
   - Lack of respect for the feelings, opinions, knowledge, and abilities of others;
   - Lack of awareness of social and professional behaviors and expectations;
   - Inability to reflect upon and take responsibility for own behavior;
   - Unwillingness/inability to accept suggestions positively and modify behavior appropriately.

If requirements are placed upon the student for continuation in the counseling program, these requirements must be approved by the program director. The report, including recommendation and/or requirements, will be placed in the student's file and a copy will be provided to the student. Included in this report will be an appropriate timeline for the necessary modifications of behavior.

If deemed necessary, the recommendations made by the faculty member(s) may include immediate suspension of clinical privileges in practicum or internship until the necessary behavioral modifications have been made.

Following the meeting between the faculty members and the student, if the student wishes to appeal the results of the meeting including any recommendations or requirements that were outlined, the student may appeal to the Student Affairs Committee of the Department of Professional Studies by contacting the Professional Studies Department Chair.

2. The Counselor Education Program Director will monitor and document the student's progress or lack of progress in carrying out the written plan and recommendations. The student's failure to comply with the recommendations in the specified timeline may lead to the student's file being forwarded to the Dean of the CEPP or the IPFW Dean of Students with a recommendation that the student be dismissed from the program.

3. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean of the CEPP or the Dean of Students, he or she may subsequently follow the appeals procedure of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, listed in the IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct in the graduate bulletin at http://bulletin.ipfw.edu.
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REMEDIATION PLAN AND REQUIREMENTS

Student’s Name:
Instructor/Faculty Member:
Date:

The following concerns regarding the above student’s professional counseling competency have been noted.

___ Academic Concern
___ Academic Integrity Concern
___ Behavioral, Ethical, or Clinical Concern

The specific concerns are outlined below:

Meeting:

1. The following constitute:
   ___ the requirements for the student to continue in this course and/or the counseling program. These requirements may change as the student’s progress is assessed.
   or
   ___ the specification of student withdrawal from the program.

The specific plan and timeline for remediation is as follows:

Instructor/Faculty Member’s Signature Date
Program Director Signature Date

Student: (check all that apply)

I understand and have received a copy of this Student’s Professional Competency Report and Requirements form.

I agree to the specified requirements or to withdrawal from the program, as specified above.

Student’s signature Date
# Personal Characteristics and Behavior Checklist

**Student Name:**

**Evaluator/Faculty Member:**

**Date:**

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<td>Student is empathic, understanding, and genuine.</td>
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<td>Student is able to communicate and relate effectively with others by responding to verbal and non-verbal behavior in meaningful ways.</td>
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<td>Student employs effective listening skills, and communicates understanding of messages that are communicated to him or her.</td>
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<td>Student is open-minded and accepting of others and the values of others.</td>
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<td>Student demonstrates appropriate levels of emotional stability, personal security, strength, and confidence.</td>
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<td>Student demonstrates professional dress and grooming appropriate to the setting.</td>
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<td>Student demonstrates appropriate problem solving skills through the use of logic and intelligent inquiry.</td>
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<td>Student demonstrates respectful verbal and non-verbal behavior when interacting with faculty/staff, peers, and clients.</td>
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<td>Student demonstrates honest and trustworthy behavior with willingness to accept personal responsibility.</td>
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<td>Student engages in healthy and legal behavior with no inappropriate incidents of alcohol/ substance abuse or criminal activity while enrolled in program.</td>
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<td>Student expresses self-understanding and an awareness of emotional limitations.</td>
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<td>Student is willing to sincerely consider others’ feedback and make appropriate changes.</td>
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<td>Student respects the uniqueness and inherent worth of all people regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, country of origin, or veteran status.</td>
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<td>Student is able to recognize personal limitations and responds to these appropriately.</td>
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