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OVERVIEW OF CES MASTER'S PROGRAM

- The Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) Program at Kent State University is located in the College of Education, Health, and Human Services (EHHS). CES is part of the School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences (LODES).
- At the master's degree level, the CES Program focuses on three areas: Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling, and School Counseling. A doctoral degree (Ph.D.) is offered in Counselor Education and Supervision. The CES faculty members are advocates for the counseling profession and are affiliated with the American Counseling Association.
- The three master’s degrees and the doctoral degree are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). CACREP is the national accrediting body representing standards of excellence in the counseling profession.
- Counseling at Kent State University has its roots in over sixty years of history, having been instituted in 1946 as the first counselor preparation program in Northern Ohio. The CES Program’s founder, Professor Dwight Arnold, was one of the pioneers in school counseling and group guidance in the United States.
- We take pride in the graduates from our Counseling programs. Many have distinguished themselves as counselors, supervisors, leaders, and university professors throughout Ohio and in other states.

ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE ADVISOR

- Each student is assigned to a faculty advisor upon admission to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling, or School Counseling program. The role and function of the faculty advisor is to sustain a working relationship with the student (advisee) through the duration of the student’s plan of study. The goal of the relationship is the successful completion of the program by the advisee. The advising process entails the following procedures:
  - The advisee is responsible for scheduling a meeting with his/her faculty advisor early in the first semester of enrollment to plan the student’s course of study. Concerns related to academic and personal adjustment may be discussed at this time. THE WRITTEN PROSPECTUS IS TO BE FILED AFTER THIS MEETING. It is important to note that the student will be blocked from registering for courses at the end of the second term if this prospectus is not filed.
  - In subsequent semesters, regular meeting with one’s faculty advisor are recommended to determine needs, sign documents, suggest improvements, and develop clinical experience possibilities. It is the responsibility of the advisee to maintain regular contact with his/her faculty advisor.

CES PROGRAM STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

The Kent State University (KSU) Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) Program is charged with the task of preparing individuals to become professional counselors in a variety of settings and to assume positions of leadership in the field. In order to fulfill these responsibilities, faculty must evaluate students based on their academic, professional, and personal qualities. The KSU CES Program attempts to establish a learning community where students can develop professionally. We do this by providing an environment in which students’ rights and responsibilities are respected and by respecting the dignity and worth of each student. A student’s progress in the program may, however, be interrupted for failure to comply with academic standards or if a student’s interpersonal or emotional status interferes with education/training related requirements for self or others. For example, in order to ensure proper training and client care, all CES students must abide by relevant ethical codes and demonstrate professional knowledge, technical and interpersonal skills, professional attitudes, and professional character. These factors are used to evaluate CES students’ academic performance and their ability to convey warmth, genuineness, respect, and empathy in interactions with clients, classmates, staff, and faculty. CES students should be able to demonstrate the ability to accept and integrate feedback, be aware of their impact on others, accept personal responsibility, and be able to express feelings appropriately.

CES faculty members expect CES students to behave in a professional manner, inside and outside the classroom. Therefore, disrespectful behaviors, gestures, or comments will be addressed and considered in student retention. Examples of disrespectful or unprofessional behavior within the classroom are texting while class is in session, wearing casual or distracting/dishonest clothing, being late to class, having cell phones on, having headphones on, and being loud. CES faculty members expect CES students to behave in a professional manner, inside and outside the classroom. Therefore, disrespectful behaviors, gestures, or comments will be addressed and considered in student retention. Examples of disrespectful or unprofessional behavior include: using laptops for nonacademic reasons during class, having cell phones turned on or being loud in class. CES faculty members expect CES students to be active learners! Faculty also expect that counseling students develop (if not already possess) the skills needed to self-evaluate and know what respectful/professional behavior is. CES faculty members expect CES students to be active learners. It is the role of the CES faculty to prepare students for employment as professional counselors and to assist them in obtaining skills and knowledge relative to continued professional development.

POLICY STATEMENTS ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND DISABILITIES

Kent State University is committed to providing all persons equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical disability or mental disability (unless the disability is essential to the practice of counseling), and/or identification as a disabled veteran. Kent State University recognizes its responsibility for creating an institutional climate in which students with disabilities can thrive. University policy 3342-3-01.3 requires that students with disabilities be provided reasonable accommodations to ensure their equal access to course content. If you have a documented disability and require accommodations, please contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester to make arrangements for necessary classroom adjustments. Please note, you must first verify your eligibility for these through Student Accessibility Services (contact 330-672-3391 or visit www.kent.edu/sas for more information on registration procedures).

CES PROGRAM COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

The Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) program at KSU is committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the program seeks to develop and nurture diversity, believing that it strengthens the program, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life. The KSU CES program prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, religion,
The American Counseling Association has explicit policies, standards, and ethical guidelines regarding diversity issues. In this class, you will be expected to reflect the standards and ethics of the counseling profession, especially in the area of diversity. Any use of written or verbal language should be consistent with the respect that is the cornerstone of the counseling profession and should reflect (Section C.5) of the 2014 ACA Code of Ethics:

Counselors do not condone or engage in discrimination against prospective or current clients, students, employees, supervisees, or research participants based on age, culture, disability, ethnicity, race, religion/spirituality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status/partnership, language preference, socioeconomic status, immigration status or any basis proscribed by law.

A student’s enrollment in any course in the CES program signifies that they support and are committed to uphold the CES Program Commitment to Diversity.

POLICY ON RECRUITMENT OF DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

Faculty in the Counselor Education and Supervision Program are committed to recruiting a culturally diverse student body for their master’s degree programs in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling, and School Counseling as well as the Ph.D. program in Counselor Education and Supervision. To this end, letters advertising the master’s degree programs are sent to all liberal arts colleges in Ohio and the two historically Black universities in Ohio, i.e., Central State University and Wilberforce University, both located in Wilberforce, Ohio. With regard to the Counselor Education and Supervision doctoral program, an announcement for graduate assistantships or teaching fellowships is placed on counseling listservs (e.g., CESNET) stating that Kent State University is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer. Letters advertising the doctoral program are sent to Historically Black Universities and Hispanic Serving institutions where there is also a master’s degree program in counseling. Faculty members are committed to providing all persons equal access to the programs in School Counseling, Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and the doctoral Counselor Education and Supervision program without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical disability or mental disability (unless the disability is essential to the practice of counseling), and identification as a disabled veteran.

CES PROGRAM COMMITMENT TO WELLNESS

The faculty and staff in the Counselor Education and Supervision program at Kent State University want to promote self-care related to mental health and healthy coping. However, we realize that being a student may create difficulties. A recent survey by the American College Health Association found that stress, sleep problems, anxiety, depression, interpersonal concerns, death of significant others, and alcohol use are the top 10 impediments to academic performance. Students in need of support are encouraged to contact their advisor. Also, please consider contacting and scheduling an appointment with KSU University Psychological Services located in the DeWeese Health Center (UPS; 330-672-2487), the Clinic for Individual and Family Counseling at the University of Akron (330-972-6822), or one of the community-based mental health agencies in Kent or the surrounding area. Your advisor or UPS could help with providing information on surrounding agencies or referrals.

ULAWFUL GENDER DISCRIMINATION, GENDER/SEXUAL HARRASSMENT, SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, STALKING, AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE CRIME REPORTING POLICIES

In the event that you choose to write or speak about having survived sexualized violence, including rape, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking Kent State requires employees (including CES faculty, graduate assistants, and staff) share this information with KSU’s Title IX Coordinator or deputy coordinator, located within the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA). Someone from EOAA and/or the Sexual Relationship Violence Support Services (SRVSS) office will contact you to let you know about accommodations and support services as well as the University’s grievance procedure. You are not required to speak with the EOAA or SRVSS Office.

If you do not want Title IX notified, instead of disclosing this information to your instructor or another CES employee, you can speak confidentially with the following people on campus and in the community:

Psychological Services at 330-672-2487
Townhall II at 330-678-4357

You can connect with support services and help explore your options now, or in the future. Students may also speak privately (without disclosing your name) to Sexual and Relationship Violence Support Services (SRVSS) 330-672-8016 www.kent.edu/srvss

It should be noted that The Counseling Center at KSU is not an appropriate resource for counseling for CES students due to ethical concerns including, but not limited to dual relationships.

Additionally, Ohio Revised Code requires all felony crimes, which includes most cases of sexual assault and some cases of intimate partner violence, to be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Due to this law, university employees (with the exclusion of licensed counselors and unlicensed counselor trainees acting in their capacity as such) are required to report to the appropriate law enforcement agency information brought to their attention concerning such occurrences. Note that university employees include all KSU faculty, graduate assistants, and staff.

ADMISSION, SELECTION, AND ADVISEMENT

Requirements for the Master’s Degree Admission to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling programs include:

- The applicant must qualify for graduate standing in the College of Education, Health, and Human Services at Kent State University with a total undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.000 on a 4.000 scale.
- Conditional Admission - Applicants who do not meet the minimum University and/or program requirements but has a total undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 2.750 on a 4.000 scale may be considered for conditional admission. Admission in such cases will depend heavily on other indices of the student’s ability to handle graduate-level work. These might include strong performance on standardized tests, GPA in the major and/or other experiences that are clearly indicative of strong academic ability.
- Academic transcripts should be submitted to the Division of Graduate Studies.
- Submit satisfactory recommendations from two persons regarding the applicant’s professional experience and potential strengths as a counselor to the Division of Graduate Studies. Preferably, these should be completed from counselors and/or professors who know your potential as a graduate student in Clinical Mental Health Counseling or School Counseling.
PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

For the School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program, we consider applications on a rolling basis. It is recommended that applications be completed no later than six weeks before the start of the term in which a student wishes to enroll. Apply online by going to www.kent.edu and click "APPLY" in the top right corner. Information about graduate admissions can also be found at https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/admissions.

1. Complete all required documents (see above).
2. Submit all required documents (see above).
3. Participate in an interview to help ascertain the applicant’s aptitude for graduate school level work, to better understand the applicant’s career goals and their relevance to the program’s mission, and to help ascertain the applicant’s interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively with people. When contacted for an interview, you will also receive a Supplemental Data Form which needs to be completed and submitted the day of the interview. Application packets and interviews are completed before recommendations for admission are made to the College of Education, Health, and Human Services, in which final responsibility for admission decisions is vested. The interview serves a dual purpose; one, to provide the applicant an opportunity to ask questions about the program and get an idea of what the faculty are about, and two, to provide the faculty with first hand data as to how well they think the applicant might fit into the program specifically and into counseling in general. If there are any questions about the program or admissions procedures, applicants are encouraged to contact the Program Coordinator.

For information related to admission to the Rehabilitation Counseling Program, please see https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ides/rhab/admissions.

ENDORSEMENTS

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree is designed principally to prepare students for employment as counselors in agencies, private practice settings, and consultation practices. The Rehabilitation Counseling degree prepares future rehabilitation counseling professionals to provide services to people with disabilities in a variety of settings such as hospitals, public agencies (e.g., vocational rehabilitation, mental health, developmental disabilities), Bureau of Worker’s Compensation, drug and alcohol treatment centers, correctional facilities, community-based programs, comprehensive rehabilitation facilities, private industry, and proprietary rehabilitation. The School Counseling degree is designed principally to prepare students for employment as School Counselors in K-12 school settings. Some students also apply to the doctoral programs in counselor education and supervision. It is not the general practice of the CES faculty to automatically provide reference letters to graduates for admission to further education or for employment applications, nor to supply evaluations of competencies for individual credentials. However, the faculty is happy to provide such service to students on a request basis. Please do not hesitate to ask for a letter of reference, if it would be helpful to you. It is the faculty member’s decision whether or not to provide the letter. Endorsements will be written only if the student’s program of studies in fact prepared him/her for the position or credential in question.
JANICE BYRD, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Janice Byrd earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of Iowa. Janice has previous experience as a school counselor, career counselor, and teaching and mentoring youth. Her research interests include best practices and cultural competency in school counseling, career counseling, and social justice and advocacy for historically marginalized populations.

JANE A. COX, Ph.D., PCC-S, Associate Professor & CES Doctoral Program Coordinator
Jane Cox completed both her master’s degree in Community Counseling and doctoral degree in Counseling and Human Development Services at Kent State University. Prior to coming to KSU, Dr. Cox was an Associate Professor and department chair in the Counselor Education and School Psychology department at the University of Toledo. Dr. Cox also worked as a faculty member and part time staff clinician in a counseling center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Her areas of scholarly interest include the use of: social construction concepts to counseling practice and the training of counselors; narrative and solution-focused therapies with individuals, couples, and families; and collaborative methods for supervision. Dr. Cox currently serves as the coordinator of the doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision.

JENNY CURETON, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Dr. Cureton’s areas of interest and expertise include crisis and trauma; career development among marginalized people; and transformative education on counseling, teaching, and researching traumatized and marginalized people. Her experience as an independently licensed professional counselor includes work in private practice, community-serving clinics, and college settings. She earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of Northern Colorado and her master’s in counseling from the University of North Texas.

LYNNE GUILLOT-MILLER, Ph.D., Associate Professor, CES Clinical Mental Health Counseling & School Counseling Programs Coordinator
Lynne Guillot-Miller earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of New Orleans. Her teaching and research interests include school counselor preparation and school counseling for students with mental health concerns. She is particularly interested in using creative approaches when counseling children and in counselor preparation and supervision. She has experience as a counselor in college, agency, and school settings. Dr. Guillot-Miller currently serves on the University Teaching Council and is the program coordinator for the CES master’s programs.

MARTIN J. JENCIUSS, Ph. D., Associate Professor & Doctoral Practicum and Internship Coordinator
Marty Jencius earned his Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of South Carolina. His sixteen years of clinical experience included working in addictions, with at-risk youth and schools, EAP consultation, and at a family counseling agency. He has over 100 publications in books, chapters, journal articles, and others, along with 60 podcasts related to counseling, counselor education, and faculty life. He has done seminal work in technology introducing listservs (CESNET-L), websites, online journals, podcasts, and virtual reality to the field of counseling. He has had the opportunity to teach counseling and to make 20+ trips to Turkey, and trips to The Bahamas, Malaysia, Scotland, and Singapore. He is past president of North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NCACES), and the national ACES association. He currently is appointed to the American Counseling Association Governing Council. His remains actively interested in international issues in counseling, technology applications in teaching counseling, and human subjectivity (Q-Methodology) as it relates to counselor development.

MYKAL LESLIE, Ph.D., LPC, CRC, Assistant Professor
Mykal Leslie, PhD, LPC, CRC is a faculty member in the Rehabilitation Counseling program. A nationally certified rehabilitation counselor and licensed professional counselor in Ohio, Mykal received his bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Marietta College, his master’s degree in Clinical and Rehabilitation Counseling from Ohio University, and his Ph.D. at Kent State University in Counselor Education and Supervision. (ORA).

JASON M. MCGLOTHLIN, Ph.D., PCC-S, Associate Professor & CACREP Liaison
Jason McGlothlin earned his Ph.D. in Counselor Education from Ohio University and is currently a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with Supervisory endorsement (LPCC-S) in Ohio. Prior to joining the KSU faculty (in 2001), he practiced in community mental health, private practice, and suicide prevention/hostage negotiation facilities. Dr. McGlothlin has had a variety of leadership positions in the counseling profession and is the developer of the SIMPLE STEPS model of suicide lethality assessment. His current areas of teaching, publication, and research include the assessment, prevention, and treatment of suicide; and counselor education accreditation. Dr. McGlothlin also serves as the liaison to the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).
ALMA MOORE, Ph.D., LPCC-S, MBA, Faculty Lecturer

Alma Moore earned her doctoral degree in the Counselor Education and Supervision program at Kent State University. She earned her master’s degree in Clinical Counseling at Malone University and is currently licensed in Ohio as a Professional Clinical Counselor with Supervisory Endorsement (LPCC-S). Alma also earned a master’s degree in Business Administration from Baldwin Wallace University and held multiple leadership positions in business and the community before entering the community mental health counseling field. Alma worked as a clinical supervisor and clinical director in a mental health agency, in addition to serving on that agency’s Board of Trustees as a member of the Human Resources Committee. Alma currently serves as the Treasurer of the Ohio Counseling Association. Her research interests include doctoral students’ preparation to teach in the counseling profession, and gatekeeping with master’s counseling students.

CYNTHIA J. OBSORN, Ph.D., PCC-S, Professor

Cynthia Osborn earned her Ph.D. degree in Counselor Education and Supervision from Ohio University in 1996 after serving in pastoral ministry for several years. She joined the Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) faculty at Kent State University in 1997. She is licensed in Ohio as a Professional Clinical Counselor (with supervisory endorsement; LPCC-S) and as a Chemical Dependency Counselor (LICDC), and her clinical background is with persons with co-occurring disorders (substance use disorders and mental illness). She routinely teaches graduate courses in addictions counseling, case conceptualization and treatment planning, and counseling practicum and internship. Research activity, publications, and presentations are in the areas of addictive behaviors (including college alcohol misuse, and counselors’ perceptions of addiction), motivational interviewing, solution-focused counseling, leadership in counseling, and counselor supervision.

J. STEVE RAINEY, Ph. D., Assistant Professor, Master’s Practicum & Internship Coordinator, IRB Representative

Steve Rainey began his work at Kent State University in the fall of 2002. He is currently the master’s practicum and internship coordinator, and an advisor to the Kappa Sigma Upsilon chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, International. His research interests are in the areas of school counselor preparation, school counselor identity, school counseling program implementation assessment, and counseling sexual minority clients.

PHILLIP RUMRILL, Ph.D., CRC, Professor, Rehabilitation Counseling Program Coordinator

Phillip Rumrill, Ph.D., CRC, is the Founding Director of the Center for Disability Studies at Kent State University in Ohio. He is also the Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Employment Assistance Service, which provides vocational services and supports to people with multiple sclerosis across the United States. A nationally Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, Dr. Rumrill received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Keene State College in New Hampshire and his doctorate from the University of Arkansas. Dr. Rumrill’s direct service experience includes substance abuse counseling, academic advising and accommodation planning with postsecondary students with disabilities, vocational guidance and career counseling with a variety of disability populations, and vocational expert services in civil litigation. He has extensive experience writing grants and administering funded projects. Dr. Rumrill’s research interests include aging and disability, issues facing students with disabilities in higher education, assistive technology and reasonable accommodations, chronic illness, the career development implications of disability, workplace discrimination, program evaluation, research design and methodology, and self-advocacy strategies for people with disabilities.

CASSANDRA A. STORLIE, Ph.D., Associate Professor & Chi Sigma Iota Advisor

Cassie Storlie earned her Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from The University of Iowa and is currently licensed in Ohio as a Professional Clinical Counselor with Supervisory Endorsement (LPCC-S) and as a Registered Nurse (RN) in Illinois. Dr. Storlie has held a variety of leadership positions at state, regional levels and international levels in the counseling profession. She teaches graduate courses in counseling skills and procedures, clinical mental health and doctoral internship, research methods and multicultural counseling. She is the President Elect for NCACES and is on the Executive Council for Chi Sigma Iota, International, the third largest counseling association in the world. Dr. Storlie was awarded the National Career Development Association’s Diversity Initiative Award in 2016 and was recognized as Kent State University’s Scholar of the Month in January of 2016. In 2017, she was awarded Outstanding Mentor of the Year for OACES and has been recently recognized as the recipient of KSU’s Advancing Diversity Award. She was granted the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation grant to research college and career readiness of underserved populations during the 2015-2016 academic year, and again in 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 to work with science teachers to promote STEM careers among marginalized youth. Her research centers on the career development of marginalized populations, specifically Latinos/as and those with disabilities, in addition to salient topics in leadership development and counselor preparation. As a Latina, she is focused on social justice and advocacy efforts to support culturally responsive evidenced based practices in college and career readiness.
JASON MILLER, Ph. D., PCC-S, Director of the Counseling Center
Dr. Jason Miller received his Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of New Orleans shortly after acquiring a M.Ed. in Community Counseling and a B.A. in Psychology. He began his career at Mississippi State University as a visiting assistant professor before moving to Kent State to his current position. Throughout his career thus far, he has focused on a variety of research interests. His primary interests now involve specialized accreditation issues and mental health trends on college campuses. Over the past few years Dr. Miller has come to take more of a pure existentialist approach to counseling (and possibly life in general). He finds few things more rewarding than working with a client and helping him or her to face those issues that we all deal with but never like to talk about. It is for this reason that he is continually becoming more involved with the mental health needs of the students on campus. He is a member of the American Counseling Association, the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and the American College Counseling Association.

MARK L. SAVICKAS, Ph.D., LPCC, Adjunct Professor, Professor
Mark Savickas earned his Ph.D. in Guidance and Counseling from Kent State University in 1975. He has been an adjunct professor in the Department since 1975, teaching courses in career development and counseling. His primary position is Professor of Family and Community Medicine, NEOMED, where he served as Chair of the Behavioral Science Department for 27 years. He is a fellow of the American Counseling Association and has edited the Career Development Quarterly (1992-1999) and the Journal of Vocational Behavior (1999-2016).

JENNIFER WAUGH, Ph.D., LPCC-S, LICDC, Assistant Director of the Counseling Center
Jennifer Waugh earned her Ph.D. program in Counselor Education and Supervision at Kent State University. She earned her master’s degree in counseling at Kent State University. Jennifer has 15 years of clinical experience in the mental health field working at community agencies and private practice. Jennifer has experience working with all ages, group, couples, individual and crisis counseling. She is trained in CBT for psychosis and Trauma Focused CBT. Jennifer has worked in the Counseling Center as a graduate assistant and taught a number of master’s level course in the CES program. Her research interests include serious mental illness, crisis intervention, clinical work with transitional age youth and supervision.

JOHN D. WEST, Ed. D., PCC-S, Emeritus Professor
John West earned his Ed.D. in counseling and guidance from Idaho State University. Prior to joining the faculty at Kent State, he taught at Louisiana State University and at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. His current scholarly interests include the study of social construction theory and its application to practice. He also holds an LPCC license in Ohio. (Caption of Dr. West and his dog Maggie)
RETENTION OF STUDENTS

The program faculty reviews the academic progress of all students each semester. According to University policy, those students who fail to maintain a 3.00 GPA are subject to dismissal. In addition, in order to qualify for graduation, students must maintain a 3.0 average for all graduate coursework. A graduate student who receives a combination of more than 8 credit hours of a B- (2.7) or lower grades, or more than 4 credit hours of grades lower than a C (2.0) is subject to dismissal. The faculty desires to help students have a satisfactory academic and professional experience. We may request that students whose GPA falls below a 3.00 consult with their advisor about how to address problem areas. However, at times, it is necessary for the faculty to discontinue students in the program for academic reasons. If students earn a B- or lower in a class, it is recommended that they discuss the issue and consequences with their advisor.

Once grades are submitted they are final and will not be changed except in cases of administrative error. Grades will not be changed by allowing students to do additional work (e.g., retaking exams; redoing papers; submitting extra credit papers, reports, etc.) or by using criteria other that those applied to all students in the class. In the event of a possible administrative error, the student must contact the instructor as soon as possible following the posting of the grade. If there is a dispute over student’s grade, the student may file an appeal to the Associate Dean who will then activate the University Academic appeals process outlined in the University Policy Register.

Because counseling is a profession, the faculty believes it is important to acculturate students to high standards of professional behavior. As a part of this effort we review students each semester to evaluate their academic performance, professional development, personal development, and professional development.

We believe success as a counselor depends upon factors in addition to those measured by typical evaluations in coursework. Thus, we reserve the right as a faculty to separate from the program a student, who, in the opinion of the faculty, is not likely to succeed professionally despite earning acceptable grades. Students are evaluated along the following dimensions:

1. potential success in forming effective and culturally relevant interpersonal relationships in individual and group contexts;
2. aptitude for graduate-level study;
3. career goals in relationship to the program;
4. openness to self-examination; and
5. openness to personal and professional development.

If the faculty believes a student is experiencing difficulty on any of these dimensions, a meeting will be scheduled with the student and advisor to discuss ways of responding to the concern(s) or to consider the appropriateness of the counseling profession for the student.

CES PROGRAM POLICY REGARDING STUDENT CONCERNS, PERFORMANCE, AND/OR FUNCTIONING

Graduate programs that prepare professional counselors have an obligation to protect the public and the profession. This obligation requires the CES Program to (a) establish criteria and methods through which aspects of competence other than, and in addition to, a student-trainee’s knowledge or skills may be assessed (including, but not limited to, emotional stability and well-being, interpersonal skills, professional development, and personal fitness for practice; and (b) Ensure—insofar as possible—that the student-trainees who complete their programs are competent to manage future relationships (e.g., client, professional, public, scholarly, supervisory, and teaching) in an effective manner. Because of this commitment, the CES Program strives not to advance, recommend, or graduate students or trainees with demonstrable problems (e.g., cognitive, emotional, interpersonal, technical, and ethical) that may interfere with professional competence to other programs, the profession, employers, or the public at large.

This commitment obligates the CES Program faculty to continually assess the progress of each graduate student in a variety of academic and applied settings. The primary purpose of this assessment is to facilitate professional growth. It is important that there are regular contacts and close working relationships between graduate students and program faculty so that these guidelines can be implemented in a way that maximizes student growth and development.

The CES Program also recognizes that stressors are inherent both in the transition from undergraduate to graduate school, work to graduate school, as well as during the course of the training Program. During graduate school, higher academic expectation is frequently encountered. In addition, when clinical work begins (in any counseling setting) there is stress inherent in being a member of a helping profession. Further, supervision is more intensive, concentrated, and frequent during the graduate program, which may increase the student’s sense of personal and professional vulnerability.

Because graduate students make significant transitions during their graduate training and may need special assistance during this time, it is the responsibility of the CES Program to provide recommendations and opportunities that may facilitate growth and minimize stress. Such measures include, but are not limited to: orientation meetings, advising, clear and realistic expectations, clear and timely evaluations that may result in suggestions for positive change, and contact with supportive individuals (e.g., supervisors).

Retention Standards. The CES Program requires the following for students to maintain good academic standing in the program:
1. Because licensure as a counselor requires a background check and documented absence of potentially relevant legal difficulties, retention in the program requires that students have no record of such difficulties.
2. Students must maintain a minimum of 3.0 average in all academic work completed.
3. Students who earn a grade of "C-" (or lower) or a grade of "U" in any course listed on their prospectus will be required to meet with their advisor to evaluate the impact of that performance on the overall course of study and to identify an appropriate response, which may include a faculty-approved remedial plan to develop and demonstrate mastery of essential competencies.

Coursework includes both academic and skill-related training. In addition to traditional academic and skill related growth in graduate professional training, professional growth is critical for future effective functioning as a counselor. The following exemplars illustrate professional dispositions that are considered critical for adequate progress and performance in the program. Professionally related interpersonal/professional skills include the following:

- Ethics
  - Demonstration of knowledge/application of ACA or ASCA Ethical Guidelines.
  - Demonstration of knowledge/application of other statutes regulating professional practice (e.g., licensure and legal regulations).
  - Demonstration of concern for client welfare.
Definition of Impairment. For purposes of this document, impairment is defined broadly as an interference in professional functioning which is reflected in one or more of the following ways: An inability and/or unwillingness...

- to acquire and integrate professional standards into one’s repertoire of professional behavior,
- to acquire professional skills in order to reach an acceptable level of competency, and/or
- to control personal stress, and/or cognitive, behavioral, and/or emotional reactions which interfere with professional functioning.

Due Process. Due process ensures that decisions made by program faculty about graduate students are not arbitrary or personally biased, requires that programs identify specific evaluative procedures which are applied to all trainees, and have appropriate appeal procedures available to the student so he/she may challenge the program’s action.

Evaluation Procedures and Time Lines Regarding Due Process. In addition to the grades and in-course evaluations students receive as part of all courses, all students in the CES Program are evaluated each semester by the CES faculty. These evaluations involve all members of the CES faculty. If a significant concern about a student’s performance or functioning is identified, the following procedures will be implemented:

- The student will be formally notified of the specific problem areas noted by the faculty.
- Unless the problems are severe enough to warrant a forced withdrawal, a plan to remedy the problem will be developed by the CES faculty. This plan will, as much as possible, define the student’s problem(s), identify the expected behavior or attitude, specify possible methods that could be used to reach those goals, and designate a date for goal attainment and/or re-evaluation. During this remedial period, the student is on programmatic probation. If the student chooses not to accept the remedial plan, he/she will be automatically dismissed from the program.
- At the time of re-evaluation, four options exist for the CES faculty:
1. a decision that the specified concerns no longer present a significant problem, and the student is allowed to continue in the program.
2. continued probation and remediation, an updated remedial plan, and a date set for another re-evaluation.
3. recommending to the student that he/she leave the program.
4. recommendation of formal dismissal from the program to the Associate Dean of Administrative Affairs and Graduate Education

Typically, non-academic concerns arise during practica and internship. Therefore, specific guidelines have been established for such times in a student’s program. Frequent feedback is provided on a case-by-case basis to students enrolled in practica and internship by on-site and faculty supervisors. Additional procedures have been developed for continued evaluation/feedback during the practica and internship. These include:

- Written internship logs, prepared by the intern, signed by the intern supervisor, and forwarded to the university supervisor every week during internship
- Visits and/or telephone contact with the internship site at least once each semester by the course instructor or CES faculty members. These visits include consultation with the internship supervisor and with the intern
- A written mid-term evaluation and final semester evaluation from the student’s supervisor to the course instructor (in some situations this may be the same person) during practica and internship.
- Possible periodic telephone conferences between the supervisors and course instructor interspersed between site visits.
- In the final evaluation in practica, the practica supervisor makes a recommendation regarding the endorsement of the student for internship.
- In the final evaluation in internship, the intern supervisor makes a recommendation regarding the endorsement of the intern for certification/licensure.

If there is to be conditional endorsement or no endorsement, the student and instructor would generally be aware of these concerns at least one month prior to the submission of the final report, unless in circumstances where this is not possible due to violations of ethical and professional conduct occurring late in practica or internship. If the course instructor and CES faculty concur with the supervisor’s recommendation to deny moving to internship or potential licensure, and the student is in disagreement, appeal procedures as specified in this document and other university regulations may be initiated by the student.

**Remediation Considerations.** It is important to have meaningful ways to address impairment once it has been identified. Several possible, and perhaps concurrent, courses of action designed to remedy impairments include, but are not limited to:

- increasing supervision, either with the same or other supervisors,
- increasing field work experience,
- changing the format and/or emphasis of supervision,
- recommending and/or requiring personal counseling in a way that all parties involved have clarified the manner in which counseling contacts will be used in the graduate student’s progress,
- reducing the graduate trainee’s clinical or other workload and/or requiring a specific academic coursework, and/or
- recommending, when appropriate, a leave of absence and/or repeating a particular experience (e.g., practicum).

When a combination of the above interventions does not, after a reasonable time period, rectify the impairment, or when the trainee seems unable or unwilling to alter his/her behavior, the training program may take more formal action, including recommending dismissal from the program.

**Procedures for Dismissal from the Program.** If at any time during the course of the graduate program, concerns about performance and functioning are judged to be severe enough to warrant dismissal from the program, the Program Coordinator will notify the student of this decision in writing. The student will be given 14 days to prepare a response to the notification of dismissal and have the opportunity to request a formal review of the recommendation for dismissal from the School Director in which the program is housed. The following procedure will be followed in carrying out this review:

- Upon notification of a request for formal review, the School Director will charge a Review Panel, comprised of three faculty members from outside the program area. One of the three faculty members will be designated by the School Director as the convener of the Review Panel.
- The Review Panel will review evidence provided by the program and the student related to the program’s recommendation for dismissal and forward a written recommendation for disposition to the School Director, the Program Coordinator, and the student within five days of their deliberations. As part of their review, the Review Panel may request clarification or further information from either the student or the Program Coordinator. The student and/or Program Coordinator may request to meet with the Review Panel as part of this process.
- The student may submit a written response to the Review Panel’s recommendation to the School Director within 5 days of receipt of their determination.
- The School Director will consider the Review Panel’s recommendation and any response by the student and make a determination for disposition within 10 days of their determination. This disposition may uphold or reverse the program’s recommendation for dismissal. The School Director will notify the student and the Program Coordinator of the disposition.
- The student may appeal the decision for dismissal from the Director to the Associate Dean of Administrative Affairs and Graduate Education within 10 working days of receipt of notification of the decision. This represents the final step in the appeal process.

Taken in part from the KSU School Psychology Program. Established November 2009 into the CES Program.

**STUDENT GRIEVANCES AND ACADEMIC COMPLAINTS**

The University’s policies and procedures which govern student grievances and student academic complaints are included in the University Policy Register (www.kent.edu/policyreg).

**STUDENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

The University’s **Administrative policy regarding student cheating and plagiarism** is included in the University Policy Register (3-01.8).

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING GRADES**

In the School Counseling program and Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, students must earn grades of a B Minus or better in all coursework. The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board, will not accept grades lower than a B Minus. Therefore, if students earn a “C+” or lower in a class, they would have to repeat this class. The CES faculty also adopted this standard for the school counseling program. Any course that is required for clinical mental health counseling or school counseling licensure must have an earned grade of “B minus” or higher. It is also important to note that pass/fail (or “S” / “U”) courses follow the policy that a grade of “S” or “Pass” is comparable to a “B Minus” or better. Please consult individual course syllabi for further grading policies.
DEFINING AND AVOIDING CHEATING / PLAGIARISM

Information regarding Kent State University’s policies and resources related to plagiarism can be found at [https://www.kent.edu/plagiarism](https://www.kent.edu/plagiarism)

(Some information provided is modified for all CES Students from the Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology; The University of Toledo)

This document was developed to help students understand what constitutes cheating and plagiarism and also to help students avoid such actions. In your coursework, you will frequently be asked to write papers or give presentations in which you will be drawing upon the literature in our profession; understanding and discussing the ideas of others is vital to professional academic work. Professional behavior must also reflect the knowledge of when and how to give credit to others, and this document will give you some guidelines for doing so. The CES faculty wants to hear your ideas and evaluate your knowledge in an ethical and appropriate manner.

Defining Cheating and Plagiarism

This document is an expansion of the information found in the APA Manual (APA, 2010) and The Kent State University Official Policy Register (Kent State University, n.d.). In this document, “plagiarism” or “cheating” are given as examples of academic dishonesty that require sanction.

The KSU Official Policy Register defines “cheating” as the following:

“Cheat” means intentionally to misrepresent the source, nature, or other conditions of academic work so as to accrue undeserved credit, or to cooperate with someone else in such misrepresentation. Such misrepresentations may, but need not necessarily, involve the work of others. As defined, cheating includes, but is not limited to: (a) Obtaining or retaining partial or whole copies of examination, tests or quizzes before these are distributed for student use; (b) Using notes, textbooks or other information in examinations, tests and quizzes, except as expressly permitted; (c) Obtaining confidential information about examinations, tests or quizzes other than that released by the instructor; (d) Securing, giving or exchanging information during examinations; (e) Presenting data or other material gathered by another person or group as one’s own; (f) Falsifying experimental data or information; (g) Having another person take one’s place for any academic performance without the specific knowledge and permission of the instructor; (h) Cooperating with another to do one or more of the above; (i) Using a substantial portion of a piece of work previously submitted for another course or program to meet the requirements of the present course or program without notifying the instructor to whom the work is presented, and (j) Presenting falsified information in order to postpone or avoid examinations, tests, quizzes, or other academic work. (policy 3342-3-01.8)

Information regarding Kent State University’s policies and resources related to plagiarism can be found at [https://www.kent.edu/plagiarism](https://www.kent.edu/plagiarism)

Cheating is considered to be unethical by Kent State University. However, overtly cheating (e.g., looking off another student’s test) is what is of consequence to the university. Cheating oneself from an educational experience (e.g., only skimming a chapter rather than thoroughly reading it) is also of concern to the CES program and the counseling profession at large.

The KSU Official Policy Register defines “plagiarism” as the following:

“Plagiarize” means to take and present as one’s own a material portion of the ideas or words of another or to present as one’s own an idea or work derived from an existing source without full and proper credit to the source of the ideas, words, or works. As defined, plagiarize includes, but is not limited to: (a) The copying of words, sentences and paragraphs directly from the work of another without proper credit; (b) The copying of illustrations, figures, photographs, drawings, models, or other visual and nonverbal materials, including recordings, of another without proper credit; and (c) The presentation of work prepared by another in final or draft form as one’s own without citing the source, such as the use of purchased research papers. (policy 3342-3-01.8)

Plagiarism is unethical behavior; The American Counseling Association Code of Ethics states in Section G.5.b. that “Counselors do not plagiarize; that is, they do not present another person’s work as their own work” (ACA, 2014, p. 17). Plagiarism can be very obvious, such as when a student copies someone else’s paper for a class assignment or copies information from a website without appropriate citation. It can also be subtler, such as paraphrasing someone’s words or ideas without properly citing the source. The examples contained in this document are intended to help students understand both the obvious and the more subtle forms of plagiarism, and to give students information about how to avoid committing plagiarism.

Avoiding Cheating: Cheating can obviously be avoided by just not doing it. However, the temptation for cheating arises when grades can be improved or failure can be avoided. Cheating, if not caught, can have benefits in grades. However, students cheat themselves out of available resources and ultimately cheat their clients out of the best services. Thorough preparation of assignments and readings along with utilizing instructors and the KSU writing center may help in avoiding the need to cheat.

Avoiding Plagiarism: If you are using another’s words or ideas in a paper, manuscript, presentation, and so forth, you must acknowledge the source of the words/ideas. If you want to incorporate another person’s ideas in your own writing you must either put the idea in your own words or use direct quotes. And, no matter whether you use quotes or paraphrasing, you must acknowledge the original source by properly citing the original author. (Western Washington University, n.d., p. 2).

To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use [1] another person’s ideas, opinion, or theory; [2] any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings – any pieces of information – that are not common knowledge; [3] quotations of another person’s actual spoken or written words; or [4] paraphrase of another person’s spoken or written word. (Indiana University, n.d., ¶2)

Examples of Plagiarism and Appropriate Citations: The following examples demonstrate proper and improper citations; for more information on appropriate citations and the use of quotations, refer to the APA Manual (APA, 2010). Here are two direct quotes from a recent article that we will use to illustrate examples of plagiarism and proper paraphrasing. Note the first is a block quote because it is over 40 words.

On the basis of the current study and similar studies, it is clear that the need for systematic, comprehensive coverage of substance abuse issues in
Counseling, References and much of the wording was taken from the University of Toledo’s plagiarism policy, which states: “Students are expected to behave in a responsible and professional manner while functioning in classes. Failure to conform one's behavior to acceptable standards of practice (e.g., avoidance of plagiarism) shall be considered cause for dismissal from the department and possibly from the university. For University Sanction related to cheating and plagiarism, see https://www.kent.edu/policyreg/administrative-policy-regarding-student-cheating-and-plagiarism.

Acknowledgments: The format/structure of this document was adapted in part from statements about plagiarism on the websites of Indiana University, Western Washington University Department of Sociology, and the University of Toledo’s Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology. Most of the examples and much of the wording was taken from the University of Toledo’s CESP website, with their permission.

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Western Washington University, Department of Sociology. (n.d.). The student’s guide to avoiding plagiarism. Retrieved June 15, 2008, from

FINANCIAL AID AND STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Some applicants to the program look for financial support during their studies. The Career Services website at Kent State University typically lists Graduate Assistantship opportunities and on-campus employment opportunities as well as the University’s Financial Aid office maintains listings of jobs and graduate assistantships that are available on campus. Feel free to contact the CES Master’s Programs Coordinator with questions pertaining to assistantships and fellowships.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) Program is most closely identified with the American Counseling Association (ACA) and ACA divisions. The address for ACA is: American Counseling Association, 5999 Stevenson Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304-3300 --- www.counseling.org. The nineteen divisions of the ACA are:

- Association for Adult Development and Aging
- Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling
- Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling
- Association for Creativity in Counseling
- American College Counseling Association
- Association for Counselor Education & Supervision
- The Association for Humanistic Counseling
- Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling
- Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development
- American Mental Health Counselors Association
- American Rehabilitation Counseling Association
- Association for Spiritual, Ethical, & Religious Values in Counseling
- Association for Specialists in Group Work
- Counselors for Social Justice
- International Association of Addictions & Offender Counselors
- International Association of Marriage & Family Counselors
- Military and Government Counseling Association
- National Career Development Association
- National Employment Counseling Association

Students are urged to join ACA as well as the state branch, the Ohio Counseling Association (OCA). School Counseling students are urged to join the American School Counselor Association. Membership in these organizations is for the purpose of helping to establish the identity of a counselor. Membership in these organizations will help students gain knowledge through professional journals, newsletters focusing on current trends, and announcements pertaining to upcoming events. Involvement in committee work in these organizations, submissions of manuscripts to journals, and participation at related conventions are encouraged. Faculty members are pleased to talk with students about the possibility of becoming active in these organizations.

Chi Sigma Iota, Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International, has a chapter at Kent State University, Kappa Sigma Upsilon. The chapter sponsors professional development events, community service events, and social activities. Chapter membership is by invitation to students who have completed one semester of full-time graduate coursework in a counselor education degree program and who maintain a 3.5 GPA. See the chapter faculty advisor for further details.

ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL RESOURCES

The University, the City of Kent, and northeastern Ohio offer many academic, personal and cultural resources to students. Following is a description of some of the academic and personal resources.

The Counselor Education and Supervision Program. Counselor Education and Supervision occupies 8,500 square feet of multiple classrooms, study rooms, practicum facilities, offices, and service areas, all housed together as one unit on the Kent campus. We are also associated with The Counseling Center— Room 325, an on-campus practicum facility for counseling. Eight group, family and individual rooms are maintained. The Counseling Center (https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/centers/chdc) has facilities for live observation, digital recording and playback, and record keeping.

Counselor Education and Supervision/ documents:
- Website: https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ldes/ces/documents
- Provides a list of forms you will need to utilize throughout the course of your master’s program.
- Examples of documents include practicum and internship log sheets, plan of study forms, and the master’s student manual.

The School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences (LDES)
Website: http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ldes
Phone number: 330-672-2294
- Office of the staff members who processes GA applications, appointment forms, and course registration
- Office of the LDES School Director
The College of Education Health and Human Services (EHHS):
Office of the Dean
Website: https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/offices/dean
Phone number: 330-672-2202
E-mail: ehhsdean@kent.edu

- **Bureau of Research Training and Services (BRTS):** Graduate students involved in research may use the services of the BRTS. The Bureau is located on the 5th floor of White Hall, room 507. (Accessible on the east side of the building.) For more information call 330-672-7918.
  Services include:
  - Provides research consultation.
  - Provides assistance in program evaluation.
  - Provides statistical consultation and analysis.
  - Transcription and data entry of quantitative and qualitative data.
  - Assistance with survey development and implementation.

- **EHHS Scholarships:** EHHS offers a number of scholarships for which CES students are eligible to apply. For information related to available scholarships, see [https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/scholarships](https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/scholarships).

- **Food 4 Thought Cybe Café (White Hall):** This flagship location offers coffees, teas, bagels, salads, wraps, smoothies, flatbreads, flatbread pizzas and a variety of other healthy refueling options. A computer bank and ample seating make the original Food 4 Thought a great on-campus place to study or discuss. Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM-8:00 PM, Friday: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM.

- **Graduate Student Senate (GSS):** The College of Education, Health, and Human Services has a Graduate Student Association in Education which considers the concerns of the student body and transmits them to various faculty and administrative groups on campus as appropriate. Each program area has its own representative.

- **Instructional Resource Center (IRC):** IRC services are available through the desk in room 221 White Hall. If you need to make equipment reservations, put items on reserve, purchase supplies, get state and/or federal fingerprints, make color copies, print posters, or any other IRC services, please call 672-2256 or come to room 221.

  Instructional Resource Center
  221 White Hall
  (330) 672-2353
  ircehhs@kent.edu
  [http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/centers/irc/](http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/centers/irc/)

  Services:
  - Fingerprinting
  - Background checks
  - Printing/copying (Color & B/W)
  - Poster Printing
  - Lamination
  - Spine Binding
  - Computer Lab Facility
  - Technology Workshops
  - Digital Fax/Scanning
  - Video Dubbing
  - Equipment borrowing
  - Equipment for sale (e.g., CDs)

**Kent State University.** Kent State University is a publicly supported center of undergraduate and graduate education located in northeastern Ohio in the large urban triangle that includes Cleveland, Akron, Canton, and Youngstown. The University has been designated a Doctoral Research University-Extensive by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The Kent Campus of KSU includes 2,466 acres. The focal point of the 105–building campus is the University Center with its plaza, 12 story open-stack library, and Student Center.

- **Student Accessibility Services** provides assistance to students with varying degrees and types of disabilities in order to maximize educational opportunity and academic potential (see [https://www.kent.edu/sas](https://www.kent.edu/sas)). Special transportation services and accessible facilities open the campus to individuals with disabilities.

- **Kent State Department of Residence Services:** The University maintains a graduate level residence hall with single rooms and one and two bedroom apartments for married students and students with families. For more information see [https://www.kent.edu/housing/department-residence-services](https://www.kent.edu/housing/department-residence-services).

- **The Kent State University Library** is a member of the Association of Research Libraries, it has continuing subscriptions to many of the journals directly related to counseling, and it is a member of Ohio LINK which provides cooperative resource sharing through online circulation of materials. (see [https://www.library.kent.edu](https://www.library.kent.edu)).

- **Graduate Student Senate (GSS):** The University also has a Graduate Student Senate, which performs a similar function at the campus-wide level. The CES Program has had a representative to the Graduate Student Senate.

- **Kent State’s Recreational Services** offers many recreational, athletic, and wellness-enhancing opportunities for students and the greater Kent community (see [https://www.kent.edu/recreservices](https://www.kent.edu/recreservices)). Many of these activities occur at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, as well as other locations on campus. A full range of cultural activities is also available to students (see [https://www.kent.edu/calendars](https://www.kent.edu/calendars)).

- **Kent State University’s Student Ombuds** (https://www.kent.edu/studentaffairs/ombuds-main-content) is available to assist students. As noted at their
website, “The primary goal of the Office of the Student Ombuds is to provide students confidential consultation in assisting with the possible resolution of any university-related concern, grievance or appeal.”

Go to https://www.kent.edu/studentaffairs/student-services to see other available student resources on campus.

Mental Health Services:
Students in need of personal counseling are encouraged to use the University Psychological Services (UPS; https://www.kent.edu/psych). UPS is located in the DeWeese Health Center on campus. To make further inquiries call 330-672-2487. Below are other community-based mental health agencies in the area. University Psychological Services (or a CES faculty member) could help with additional referrals.

Coleman Processional Services
Provides mental health and addiction services for adults and children including 24/7 crisis stabilization.
(330) 673-1347
www.coleman-professional.com

Townhall II
Offer’s 24/7 crisis helpline, counseling for youth and adults with substance use disorders and mental health disorders.
(330) 678-3006
www.townhall2.com

University of Akron: Clinic for Individual and Family Counseling
Provides mental health services to Kent State University Counseling, Education, and Supervision graduate students for free, under dual partnership.
(330) 972-6822
https://www.uakron.edu/cifc/index.dot

CONTACT INFORMATION
As a faculty we believe the preparation of fellow professionals is our primary function. We seek to provide conscientious faculty mentorship in areas of our expertise. We believe our own involvements in research and scholarly activities, teaching, and professional contributions are critical to your growth, to the development of society, as well as to the development of the profession and to our own vitality. Please feel free to make inquiry. Additional information about the program, admission requirements and processes may be obtained from:

Lynne Guillot Miller, CES Master’s Program Coordinator: Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling
310 White Hall, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242-001
(330) 672-0697 / Lguillot@kent.edu

Philip Rumrill, Ph.D., Master’s Program Coordinator: Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling
414 White Hall, 150 Terrace Drive, Kent, Ohio 44242-001
Main: (330) 672-0600 / prumrill@kent.edu

The Graduate School Catalog and academic policies are available at http://catalog.kent.edu/ and general information are available from: Director of Graduate Education, 418 White Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242, (330) 672-2576

Consult EHHS’ Office of Graduate Studies (https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ogs) to obtain the EHHS Graduate Handbook. Please note you are responsible for knowing the information contained in this handbook. This website also contains important forms that you may need during your master’s program.

School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling Students consult the CES website (https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ldes/ces) for specific information about the CES master’s program (e.g., Plan of Study, etc.).

For Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Students Consult the Rehabilitation Counseling website (https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/rhab) for specific information about the Rehabilitation master’s program.

TIMES TO REMEMBER THROUGHOUT YOUR PROGRAM

- Obtain a parking permit (Michael Schwartz Center) and KSU Flash Card (Campus Center) each year
- Meet regularly with your advisor and meet with your advisor the first semester of your program and sign your prospectus
- Register for classes as soon as possible
- Obtain professional liability insurance coverage prior to practicum and internship
- Meet with your advisor to sign necessary paperwork for SCON Practicum and SCON and CMHC Internship
- Apply for graduation the first week of your last semester.
MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Mission:
The mission of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Kent State University is to prepare research-informed, ethically sound, and multiculturally responsive Licensed Professional Counselors in a diverse and ever-changing society. We seek to deliver the high-quality education required by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) and to prepare students/graduates to meet the requirements of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board (CSW&MFTB) to become Licensed Professional Counselors.

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Objectives:
The objectives of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Kent State University are to prepare students/graduates to:

- engage in extensive practica experiences in an on-site counseling facility that utilizes multiple levels of supervision;
- engage in a minimum of four semesters of supervised clinical experiences designed to effectively work with clients from a multicultural and pluralistic society;
- demonstrate knowledge in assessment, groupwork, career development, helping relationships human growth and development, social and cultural diversity, research, and program evaluation, and professional orientation and ethical practice;
- meet the academic components required by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board to be eligible to sit for the current licensure assessments;
- understand legal and ethical standards and practice in a legal and ethical manner (KPI 1);
- understand and demonstrate multicultural responsiveness (KPI 2);
- demonstrate a strong counselor identity (KPI 3);
- demonstrate strong clinical skills in case conceptualization, diagnosis, and treatment planning (KPI 4, KPI 8, KPI CMHC 1);
- understand and demonstrate sound counseling skills and techniques within a theoretical framework in both individual and group counseling (KPI 5, KPI 6, KPI 7);
- understand the importance of research in advancing the counseling profession including how to critique research to inform counseling practice (KPI 9); and
- effectively work with crisis, trauma, suicide, and at-risk clients (KPI 10).

CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CURRICULUM

The current Clinical Mental Health Counseling curriculum prepares individuals for beginning employment in institutions of higher education and community-based human service agencies. The Master’s of Education (M.Ed.) degree may be earned with a minimum of 60 semester hours of successful graduate work in specified courses. The current Clinical Mental Health Counseling program curriculum can be found at https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ides/ces/documents

EMPLOYMENT OF GRADUATES

Graduates of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling master’s degree program have held a number of positions, and an illustration of employment sites of graduates follows:

- Akron Children’s Hospital, Akron, Ohio
- Akron Drug Board, Akron, Ohio
- Canton Family Services, Canton, Ohio
- Center for Psychological Health, Kent, Ohio
- Child Guidance and Family Solutions, Ohio
- Children’s Advantage, Ravenna, Ohio
- Coleman Professional Services, Kent, Ohio
- Counseling for Wellness, Kent, Ohio
- Crossroads—Lake County Child and Adolescent Counseling Center
- Cuyahoga County Board of MRDD & Recovery Services, Cleveland, Ohio
- Department of Human Services, Ravenna, Ohio
- Family and Community Solutions, Kent, Ohio
- Family Services, Dayton, Ohio
- Family Service Center, Chicago, Illinois
- Family Solutions, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
- Granby Jr./Sr. High School, Granby, MA
- Hastings Youth Academy, St. Augustine, FL
- Kent State University, Kent, Ohio
- Northeast Community Mental Health Center, Cleveland, Ohio
- Parmadale Residential Services, Parma, Ohio
- Portage Path Mental Health Center, Akron, Ohio
- Ravenswood Health Center, Geauga County, Ohio
- Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ravenna, Ohio
- Safer Futures, Kent, Ohio
- Summit Psychological Associates, Inc., Akron, Ohio
- Todd Children’s Hospital, Warren, Ohio
- Townhall II, Kent, Ohio

Results of evaluations of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program are contained in the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) Self Study. A copy of this Self Study is available through the CACREP Liaison in room 310 of White Hall for review.
MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The School Counseling Program Mission Statement:
The mission of the School Counseling program at Kent State University is to prepare research-informed, ethically sound, and multiculturally responsive licensed professional school counselors in K - 12 institutions who are responsible for implementing comprehensive school counseling programs and delivering individual and group counseling within diverse school systems. We seek to deliver the high-quality education required by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) and to prepare students/graduates to meet the requirements of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to become Licensed School Counselors in K - 12 settings.

The School Counseling Program Objectives:
The objectives of the School Counseling program at Kent State University are...

- demonstrate knowledge in assessment, groupwork, career development, helping relationships, human growth and development, social and cultural diversity, research and program evaluation, and professional orientation and ethical practice;
- meet the academic components required by the Ohio Department of Education to be eligible to sit for the current licensure assessments;
- understand legal and ethical standards and practice in a legal and ethical manner (KPI 1);
- understand and demonstrate multicultural responsiveness (KPI 2);
- demonstrate a strong counselor identity (KPI 3);
- demonstrate strong skills in identifying affect, behavior, and cognition that contributes to mental health issues (KPI 4);
- understand and demonstrate sound counseling skills and techniques within a theoretical framework in both individual and group counseling (KPI 5, KPI 6, KPI 7);
- demonstrate valuable skills in conceptualizing student success and growth (KPI 8);
- understand the importance of research in advancing the counseling profession including how to critique research to inform counseling practice (KPI 9);
- work with crisis, trauma, suicide, and at-risk students (KPI 10); and
- design and evaluate school counseling programming (KPI SC 1).

SCHOOL COUNSELING CURRICULUM

The School Counseling curriculum prepares individuals for beginning employment in K-12 settings as a School Counselor. The Master’s of Education (M.Ed.) degree may be earned with a minimum of 48 semester hours of successful graduate work in specified courses. The current Clinical Mental Health Counseling program curriculum can be found at https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ides/ces/documents

EMPLOYMENT OF GRADUATES

Graduates from the School Counseling Program have held positions as school counselors in a number of school systems. An illustration of employment sites follows:

- Akron City Schools- Akron, Ohio
- Aurora City Schools- Aurora, Ohio
- Barberton City Schools- Barberton, Ohio
- Bedford City Schools- Northfield, Ohio
- Broadview Heights Schools- Broadview Heights, Ohio
- Canton City Schools- Canton, Ohio
- Cleveland Heights City Schools- Cleveland Heights, Ohio
- Cleveland Municipal School District- Cleveland, Ohio
- Crestwood Local Schools- Mantua, Ohio
- Cuyahoga Falls City Schools- Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
- Cuyahoga Valley Career Center- Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
- Kent City Schools- Kent, Ohio
- Lakewood City Schools- Lakewood, Ohio
- Mentor City Schools- Mentor, Ohio
- Nordinia Schools- Macedonia, Ohio
- Orrville City Schools- Orrville, Ohio
- Painesville School District- Tampa Bay, Florida
- Ravenna City Schools- Ravenna, Ohio
- Rootstown Local Schools- Rootstown, Ohio
- Rosman High School- Rosman, North Carolina
- Solon City Schools- Solon, Ohio
- Springfield Local School District- Springfield, Ohio
- Stow-Munroe Falls School System- Stow, Ohio
- Strongsville City Schools- Strongsville, Ohio
- Twinsburg City Schools- Twinsburg, Ohio
- Winner City Schools- Winner, South Dakota

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MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The Rehabilitation Counseling Program Mission Statement:
The mission of the Rehabilitation Counseling program at Kent State University is to prepare research-informed, ethically sound, and multiculturally responsive Certified Rehabilitation Counselors in a diverse and ever-changing society. We seek to deliver the high-quality education required by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP). This is accomplished through community-based experiences within an interdisciplinary context. Students learn strategies through academic coursework and field experience for empowering people with physical, sensory, and mental disabilities to enjoy rewarding, productive lives. Students work collaboratively with professional agencies to help people with disabilities achieve maximum independence and high quality of life.

The Rehabilitation Counseling Program Objectives:
The objectives of the Rehabilitation Counseling program at Kent State University are to prepare students/graduates to:

- to deliver the high-quality education required by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP);
- to provide students with extensive practica experiences in an on-site counseling facility that utilizes multiple levels of supervision;
- to provide students with a minimum of three semesters of supervised clinical experiences designed to effectively work with clients from a multicultural and pluralistic society;
- to have graduates understand legal and ethical standards and practice in a legal and ethical manner (KPI 1);
- to have graduates understand and apply multicultural competencies (KPI 2);
- to have graduates have a strong counselor identity (KPI 3);
- to have graduates possess strong clinical skills in diagnosis, case conceptualization and treatment planning (KPI 4, KPI 8);
- to have graduates understand and apply sound counseling skills and techniques within a theoretical framework in both individual and group settings (KPI 5, KPI 6, KPI 7)
- to have graduates understand the importance of research in advancing the counseling profession including how to critique research to inform counseling practice (KPI 9);
- to have graduates effectively work with crisis, trauma, suicide and at-risk clients (KPI 10); and
- to have graduates understand and apply assessments related to Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling.

REHABILITATION COUNSELING CURRICULUM

The Rehabilitation Counseling curriculum prepares individuals for beginning employment as a Rehabilitation Counselor. The current Rehabilitation Counseling program curriculum can be found at https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/rhab

EMPLOYMENT OF GRADUATES

Graduates from the Rehabilitation Counseling Program have held positions in variety of settings. An illustration of employment sites includes hospitals, public agencies (e.g., vocational rehabilitation, mental health, developmental disabilities), Bureau of Worker’s Compensation, drug and alcohol treatment centers, correctional facilities, community-based programs, comprehensive rehabilitation facilities, private industry, and proprietary rehabilitation.