

MS in Counseling Program Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2019
2:00 pm

I. Those in attendance:

- Michael Guglielmo
- Jason Landrum
- Natasha Schnell
- Hector Zavala
- April Atwood
- Anna Jankowska of Counseling Centers of IL
- Christopher Nonnie of Amita Health

II. Mission and Purpose

III. CACREP Visit

- CACREP is in the process of doing a site visit at NLU. These visits occur every eight years.
- NLU has contacted students for interviews and has set up mock interview questions for students to review before the CACREP interview.

IV. CADC-New Addiction Track

- NLU is adding an addiction track will be offered to all MS counseling students interested in pursuing addiction certification.
- Adding an addiction track will allow students to be more competent at addiction sites. It will allow those students at addiction sites to get a certification in drug and alcohol counseling.
- NLU will add additional curriculum requirements to current courses as well as offer one special topics course. With these additions, those students who wish to pursue a CADC will be able to.
- There is a site visit schedule at NLU, which is the last step before getting approval to be able to offer the addiction track to students.
- NLU anticipates the program being up and running by January 1, 2020.

V. Time 2 Track for Practicum/Internship

- Time 2 Track is a more organized and accessible platform for students, faculty and site supervisors to track practicum and internship hours.
- One benefit of the system is that students can look over their past hours without asking for paper documentation from professors or site supervisors.
- All information is stored electronically which means students can retrieve information later, even after an internship or practicum is finished.
- Some students and site supervisors are struggling to learn how to use the system. Some site supervisors are struggling to be able to approve hours.
- Suggestions for overcoming these struggles are to contact Time 2 Track directly and see if there is an IT personnel who can help. Hector Z. also volunteered to walk faculty through the program since he has more extensive knowledge after using it in a previous internship experience.

VI. NLUCA/Alumni Event

- The National Louis University Counseling Association (NLUCA) is a student chapter of the Illinois Counseling Association (ICA). Anna Marie Yates and Natasha Schnell are the current faculty contacts for NLUCA.
- All current students are members of NLUCA. Students are charged \$2.50 per term to be members of NLUCA. This procedure was started Fall 2018.
- NLUCA currently meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 3-4pm on the Wheeling campus. The meeting is also available by zoom.
- NLU faculty wants to get more student participation. Currently participation is “hit or miss”. GA at Wheeling/North shore campus Regina V. is making a survey to email to students to gauge desires and blocks to participation in NLUCA.
- NLUCA hosts various events throughout the year. Upcoming events include a Care Fair in February and an Alumni event on March 14, 2020.
- The event on March 14, 2020 is a Networking event as well as a presentation by Dr. Samuel Gladding. Dr. Gladding is renowned for his group psychotherapy work. He has published numerous scholarly articles, books

and textbooks. Dr. Gladding's presentation will count as 1 (free) CEU hour for those that attend and need CEUs.

- It was discussed if NLUCA can have a social media page. This has happened in the past but has been difficult to find a consistent administrator since membership in NLUCA changes often due to students coming into the program or graduating.

VII. Counseling Honor Society-Chi Sigma Iota

- NLU now has a chapter of this honor society. Currently it is at the Chicago campus but faculty is working to add it to other campuses.

VIII. Misc.

- Hector encouraged those in attendance to remind their students to joining ICA and attend the conference in November.

IX. Next meeting: TBA (approximately in six months)