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**Program Revisions for Masters of Education Degree (M.Ed.)
In Mental Health Counseling**

Florida Atlantic University
University Submitting Program Revisions

January 1, 2013
Proposed Implementation Date

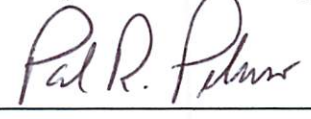
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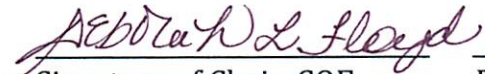
Counselor Education
Name of Department(s)

Mental Health Counseling
Academic Specialty or Field

Master of Education (M.Ed)
Complete Name of Degree


Signature of Department Chair Date 10/15/2012


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Faculty Senate

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Graduate College

Signature of FAU Provost Date

**Department of Counselor Education
College of Education**

Requested Program Changes to the Mental Health Counseling Program

The following two proposed changes are requested to the program and to the catalog description:

- (1) modify the program name; and
- (2) reduce admission cycle to Mental Health track/emphasis to once per year

Rationale for the Proposed Changes:

(1) New CAREP standards (our specialty accrediting body) require a programmatic name change from "Mental Health Counseling" to "Clinical Mental Health Counseling." This name change is required, it is not optional.

(2) Over the past four years there has been a significant reduction of full-time faculty in the Department of Counselor Education from 10 to 6. Currently, full-time Mental Health program faculty teach the majority of 16 masters level MHS courses. Because this program has lost 2 full-time tenure-track positions recently [with no prospect of having those positions refilled], continuing to have two admission cycles/year will further overwhelm that faculty, and limits their availability to teach required PhD courses [we face having two more PhD courses being removed from the university catalog because of the 5 year rule because we have been unable to teach these courses, and have already had a masters MHS course dropped for the same reason]. A more reasonable number of MHS courses would then be offered because of this single admission/year, and result in an CAREP-acceptable full time faculty/adjunct ratio. In sum, not implementing the change to a one admission cycle/year can jeopardize the program's specialty accreditation by CACREP.

Note: Currently, the proposed changes does not apply to the School and Rehabilitation Counseling tracks.

[FAU Catalog changes: the proposed changes are specified with underlines]

Master of Education with Major in Counselor Education

The Master of Education (M.Ed.) with major in Counselor Education may be structured with a clinical mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling or school counseling emphasis. Note that Admission Requirements differ for these emphases.

Admission Requirements:

4. Admissions are made twice each year on a competitive basis, except for clinical mental health counseling which accepts applicants for the fall semester only.