Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to report our program vital statistics for Summer 2021 – Spring 2022. The following information has been submitted to CACREP and will be posted to our program website. Thank you for your good work with our students during this challenging time period.

Virginia Tech has CACREP-accredited master’s degree programs in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (60 credits) and School Counseling (60 credits), and a CACREP-accredited doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision (87 credits beyond the master’s degree). We have master’s degree programs in Roanoke, Virginia, and doctoral degree in Blacksburg, Virginia. The Virginia Tech Counselor Education program has been recognized by both the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES), and the national Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) as an Outstanding Counselor Education program, and individual students and faculty have been recipients of numerous awards including two American Counseling Association Fellows and two American Counseling Association Research Awards. The Counselor Education Program at Virginia Tech is part of the School of Education in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. The program has six tenure-line faculty and numerous outstanding adjunct and affiliated faculty.

In 2021-2022, there were 13 graduates of Virginia Tech’s Clinical Mental Health Counseling master’s degree program. Of the students admitted, 100% graduated from the program in the expected time period and 100% of those program graduates who sought employment in the counseling field are employed. No information about licensure exams is available at this time. In 2021-2022, there were four graduates of Virginia Tech’s School Counseling master’s degree program. Of the students admitted, 100% graduated from the program in the expected time period and 100% of those program graduates who sought
employment in the counseling field are employed. There is no state licensure exam for School Counselors in Virginia.

At present, there are 12 Clinical Mental Health students, 3 School Counseling students, and 20 undeclared master’s degree students enrolled. The 20 undeclared master’s students will select a track (School or Clinical Mental Health) after completing the Practicum. There is no way to indicate undeclared students on the CACREP Vital Statistics report so they will be divided among the two tracks evenly.

In 2021-2022, there were two graduates of Virginia Tech’s Counselor Education and Supervision doctoral degree program. Of the students admitted, 95% graduate from the program in the expected time period (three to seven years, depending on part-time or full-time status) and 100% of those program graduates who sought employment in the counseling field are employed. Most of our doctoral students are licensed as school counselors, LPCs, and/or Nationally Certified Counselors when they enter the program. At present, there are 12 individuals enrolled in the doctoral program.

Sincerely,

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