

Counselor Education Program

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Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to report our program vital statistics for Summer 2023 – Spring 2024. 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 year. 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 ad Supervision (87 credits beyond the master's degree). We have master's degree programs in Roanoke, Virginia, and a doctoral degree in Blacksburg, Virginia. The Virginia Tech Counselor Education program is frequently highlighted as an exemplary program at Virginia Tech. Students, faculty, and alumni have been recipients of awards and honors including American Counseling Association Fellows and 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. During this time period, the program had five tenure-line faculty, a visiting faculty member, and several outstanding adjunct faculty.

In 2023-2024, there were 14 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. 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 2023-2024, there were five 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 14 Clinical Mental Health students, 4 School Counseling students, and 19 undeclared master's degree students enrolled. The 19 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 2023-2024, 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. Almost all of our doctoral students are licensed as school counselors, LPCs, and/or Nationally Certified Counselors when they enter the program. At present, there are 10 individuals enrolled in the doctoral program.

Sincerely,

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