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Background

Encouraged by the proceedings of two national conferences on master's psychology in 1990 and 1994 which emphasized the need to organize appropriate recognition for individuals with masters degrees in applied psychology and the need for training programs to have the benefits of accreditation available to them, MPAC developed and implemented a voluntary accreditation process for applied masters programs in psychology in the fall of 1995 (then known as IBAMPP). Adopting the training standards developed by the Council of Applied Masters Programs in Psychology (CAMPP) and refined at these two national conferences, the Accreditation Manual was first distributed in October of 1995 to programs inquiring about the accreditation process. In November of 1995 the Council approved its first pre-application form, which is the Council's formal acknowledgment to a program's eligibility to apply for accreditation. The Council received the first completed self-study and application for accreditation in November of 1996, and that program became the first MPAC-accredited program in April of 1997. Each year since that time, MPAC has reviewed several additional programs. Most recently revised in December 2006, the current edition of the Accreditation Manual reflects the most recent accreditation standards and is available to any interested program. In addition to the review of applications for accreditation, MPAC has participated in the Third National Conference on Masters Psychology (2000) and other venues where quality standards in applied psychology are addressed.

Current Status of Accreditations

MPAC has accredited nineteen masters programs in psychology from a total of eighteen universities. In 2007 two programs received full 10-year accreditations. Three additional programs submitted complete application for accreditation in 2007. Site visits were conducted at two of these programs in late 2007 and a site visit for the third is slated for early 2008. Several more programs have active pre-applications. It is the Council's policy not to identify programs in the process of applying for accreditation, but currently accredited programs are listed below.

Alphabetic Listing of Currently Accredited Programs

Arcadia University
M. A. in Counseling / Psychology
Department of Psychology
Glenside, PA 19038-3295
Accreditation Dates: September 13, 2000 through September 30, 2010

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P.O. Box 721173, Norman, OK 73070 Phone: (405) 329-2424

Augusta State University
M.S. in Psychology, Clinical Track
Augusta, GA 30904
Accreditation Dates: September 30, 2005 through September 30, 2015

Avila University
M. S. in Counseling Psychology
Department of Psychology
Kansas City, MO 64145-1698
Accreditation Dates: March 16, 1999 through March 31, 2009

Brenau University
M.S. in Clinical Counseling Psychology
Gainesville, GA 30501
Accreditation Dates: January 12, 2007 through January 12, 2017

The Citadel
M. A. in Clinical Counseling
Department of Psychology
Charleston, SC 29409
Accreditation Dates: June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2012

University of Dayton
M. A. in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Dayton, OH 45469-1430
Accreditation Dates: August 22, 1997 through August 31, 2007

Eastern Kentucky University
M. S. in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Richmond KY 40475
Accreditation Dates: November 24, 1998 through November 30, 2008

Francis Marion University
M. S. in Applied Psychology
Department of Psychology and Sociology
Florence, SC 29501-0547
Accreditation Dates: January 6, 1998 through January 31, 2008

Frostburg State University
M. S. in Counseling Psychology
Psychology Department
Frostburg, MD 21532
Accreditation Dates: January 23, 1998 through January 31, 2008

Lesley University
M.A. Program in Counseling Psychology
Division of Counseling and Psychology
Cambridge, MA 02138-2790
Accreditation Dates: March 5, 2004 through March 31, 2009

Mississippi State University
M. S. Clinical-emphasis Program
Department of Psychology
Mississippi State, MS 39762-6161
Accreditation Dates: June 16, 1999 through June 30, 2009

Murray State University
Masters Degree Program in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Murray, KY 42071
Accreditation Dates: December 15, 2003 through December 31, 2013

Northwestern State University
M. S. in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Natchitoches, LA 71497
Accreditation Dates: April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2012

Pittsburg State University
M. S. in Psychology (Clinical Emphasis)
Department of Psychology and Counseling
Pittsburg, KS 66762
Accreditation Dates: April 30, 1997 through August 31, 2007; August 31, 2007 through August 31, 2017

University of South Carolina – Aiken
Master's Degree in Applied Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Aiken, SC 29801
Accreditation Dates: March 15, 2004 through March 31, 2014

Texas A&M University - Commerce
M.A. or M.S. in Applied Psychology
Department of Psychology and Special Education
East Texas Station
Commerce, TX 75429-3011
Accreditation Dates: April 23, 1998 through April 30, 2008

University of West Florida
M. A. in Counseling Psychology
M. A. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Department of Psychology
Pensacola, FL 32514-5751
Accreditation Dates: May 1, 2002 through April 30, 2012

Western Illinois University
M.S. in Clinical/Community Mental Health
Department of Psychology
Macomb, IL 61455-1390
Accreditation Dates: April 16, 2007 through April 30, 2017

William Paterson University
M.A. in Applied Clinical Psychology Program
Department of Psychology
Wayne, NJ 07470-2103
Accreditation Dates: December 21, 2004 through December 31, 2014

Current Status and Plans for the Future

The Masters in Psychology Accreditation Council achieved an important milestone in 2007. In 1997, for the first time, MPAC began to accredit psychology masters programs. Because the initial full 10-year accreditation periods ended in 2007, for the first time in its history MPAC began the process of re-accreditation. During 2007, one program received its initial full 10-year MPAC accreditation and a second program was re-accredited for a period of 10 years. Three more MPAC-accredited programs submitted complete applications for re-accreditation in 2007 and are currently under review. The continued financial viability of MPAC was apparent in 2007; the Council maintained a stable financial account balance throughout the year.

In 2008 the Council will continue to review additional applications for initial accreditation as well as re-accreditation. The Council will continue its pursuit of national recognition as an accrediting body for applied psychology at the master's level. To this end, plans are being developed to enhance the Council's organizational structure and to revise the organization's policies and procedures.

Current Council Membership

Charles Spurrison, Chair (term expires in June 2010)
Kevin Peterson, Secretary (term expires in June 2008)
Brooks Wright, Public Member & Treasurer (term expires in June 2009)
Thomas Boyd (term expires in June 2008)
David Green (term expires in June 2009)
Margaret Joyal (term expires in June 2008)
Virginia King (term expires in June 2010)

During calendar year 2007 Patricia O'Connor continued her service as Executive Director. David Green was elected to the Council to complete the term of Michael Mahoney, who had resigned. In June 2007, Robert Feuer completed his second consecutive three-year term with MPAC. His departure left a vacancy on the Council that was filled with the election of Virginia King. Also in June 2007, Charles Spurrison was re-elected to the Council.

Financial Status

MPAC is an independent, self-sustaining, non-profit organization. Council Members and the Executive Director serve on a volunteer basis without remuneration. MPAC's operating budget is fully financed by accreditation fees. The Council's end of the year balance was \$5,802.88.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Masters in Psychology Accreditation Council