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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 (then known as IBAMPP) developed and implemented a voluntary accreditation process for applied masters programs in psychology in the fall of 1995. 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 on our website (www.MPACSITE.org). 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

Nineteen applied masters programs in psychology from a total of 18 universities are currently accredited by MPAC. In 2009 two programs received full 10-year re-accreditations following site visitations. A site visitation for an additional program is in the planning stages for completion in 2010. Pre-application forms were completed and approved for four additional programs. 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

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

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: February 28, 2008 through February 28, 2018

Eastern Kentucky University
M. S. in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Richmond KY 40475
Accreditation Dates: January 31, 2009 through January 31, 2019

Francis Marion University
M. S. in Applied Psychology
Department of Psychology and Sociology
Florence, SC 29501-0547
Accreditation Dates: February 28, 2008 through February 28, 2018

Frostburg State University
M. S. in Counseling Psychology
Psychology Department
Frostburg, MD 21532
Accreditation Dates: March 31, 2008 through March 31, 2018

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, 2014

Mississippi State University
M. S. Clinical-emphasis Program
Department of Psychology
Mississippi State, MS 39762-6161
Accreditation Dates: September 30, 2009 through September 30, 2019

Murray State University
Masters Degree Program in Clinical Psychology
Department of Psychology
Murray, KY 42071
Accreditation Dates: December 15, 2003 through December 15, 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: 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 15, 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 30, 2008 through April 30, 2018

University of West Florida
M. A. in Counseling or 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 30, 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, which continued into 2008 and 2009. MPAC's initial accreditation process began in 1997, and 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 in 2007, and throughout 2008 and 2009. The continued financial viability of MPAC was apparent in 2009; the Council maintained a stable financial account balance throughout the year.

Several MPAC members attended the recent CAMPP/NAMP joint conference in Pensacola (November 5-7, 2009). Presentations were made by the Executive Director and Chair regarding the accreditation process and ongoing challenges.

In 2010 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, the Council continues to enhance the Council's organizational structure and to revise the organization's policies and procedures. It is expected that this revision will be completed by mid-year of 2010. As a part of its continuing review process, the Council plans to contact member programs in an effort to review current accreditation standards and the accreditation process.

Current Council Membership

Thomas Boyd, Chair (term expires in June 2010)
David Green, Secretary (term expires in June 2012)
Brooks Wright, Public Member & Treasurer (term expires in June 2012)
Jennifer Ceminsky (term expires June 2010)
Gail Johnson (term expires June 2010)
Virginia King (term expires in June 2010)
Sabina Widner (term expires in June 2010)

During calendar year 2009, Patricia O'Connor continued her service as Executive Director and Tom Boyd continued as Chair. Council members David Green, and Brooks Wright were re-elected for three year terms.

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 \$5,798.23.

Respectfully submitted,

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