



MCP PERSPECTIVE

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TWO NEW MCP OFFERINGS APPROVED FOR 2002-2003

The Programs Council at Benedictine University has recently approved two new courses to be offered as electives in the MCP department.

MCP 655—Theory and Practice of Play Therapy with Children (3 credits) explores the concept of play as a therapeutic modality and the major theories of psychotherapy and how those theories form the foundation for specific play therapy techniques and interventions. The students will also explore analysis of appropriate application and strategic utilization of techniques that further the processing of client material. The play therapy class has been placed on the winter 2003 schedule on Thursdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Margie Salyer is the instructor. The Council also approved MCP 650—Art Therapy (2 credits). This course will be offered in the weekend format in the winter term as well. It will meet on Friday, February 25, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 22, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, February 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m. The instructor is Suzanne Peroutka.

The new course will introduce the use of art in counseling clients of all ages, examine how art links to the varied theoretical perspectives in psychotherapy, and explore the use of art as a metaphor for human issues and concerns. This class will provide students an opportunity to become familiar with art as a useful tool in working with children, adolescents, adults and groups. It will offer an experiential component to help students

explore their own art and its meanings. Slides of client artwork with an array of DSM diagnoses will be viewed and an exploration of how art contributes to the client's therapeutic success will be discussed.

The new course offers our students a unique vehicle to use with clients that enhances student's competencies beyond talk therapy. It is an elective that expands the repertoire of skills our students can cultivate while in training here in the MCP Program.



IMPORTANT DATES

September 30
Fall quarter begins

October
Interviews for spring & summer field placements

October 11
Deadline for applying for non-clinical field placements for winter

November 15
Deadline for class withdrawal without academic penalty

November 18
Field Placement evaluations due
Notification of Intent forms due

**November 28—
December 1**
Thanksgiving break:
No classes, offices closed

December 6
March 2003 graduation application due

December 8
Fall quarter ends

December 30
December degree conferral

New Licensure Law Defines Penalties

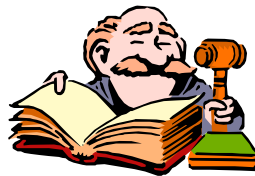
On July 25, Governor George Ryan signed House Bill 3993 into law. This law extends the Counselor License Act for another 10 years. The legislation contains some changes to the current law. The Act will now repeal on January 1, 2013 and of particular note section 20 b) now reads

"No person shall, without a valid license as a clinical professional counselor issued by the department: (i) in any manner hold himself or herself out to the public as a clinical professional counselor or licensed clinical professional counselor under this Act; (ii) attach the title 'clinical professional counselor' or 'licensed pro-

fessional clinical counselor'; or (iii) offer to render to individuals, corporations, or the public clinical professional counseling services.

The law goes on to define the increased penalties for unlicensed activities and the grounds for discipline for those activities. The penalties in addition to any other penalty provided by law are to pay a civil penalty to the Department of Professional Regulation of an amount not to exceed \$5000 for each offense, as determined by the Department.

For more detailed information on the licensure law, contact the Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association.



GRADUATION APPLICATIONS DUE

Students who plan to graduate in March, June, or August of 2003 need to start planning ahead. Applicants for March 2003 graduation must submit their paperwork to Benedictine Central no later than Friday, December 6. The students who are planning to graduate in June or August 2003 must have their applications turned in by Friday, February 21. In addition to filing the paperwork, the MCP department strongly recommends meeting with Margie Salyer for a graduation audit in the term PRIOR to planned graduation. This will assist in a problem free audit performed by the registrar's office just prior to graduation.

To make an appointment with Margie, please contact Liz Summers. Margie's office hours for fall are Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

ACT NOW FOR SPRING AND SUMMER 2003 FIELD PLACEMENT

Margie Salyer and Dr. Dianne Moran will be holding field placement interviews for first and second field placement for spring and summer terms 2003. First placement interviews are held with Dr. Moran and then with Margie. Second placement interviews are with Margie solely. A sign up sheet can be found on the bulletin board just outside of Benedictine Hall room 208.

DEPARTMENT ISSUES ADVISING RE-

Margie Salyer, academic advisor would like to remind MCP students of some advising issues.

When students are off from classes, she is as well. She is unable to do course planning and advising during breaks. It is a good idea to schedule these appointments in the beginning or middle of the quarter. Time at the end of the quarter tends to become filled with end of term activities—exams, presentations, grade preparation—and advising appointments are limited.

When preparing for an academic advising appointment, students should

stop at Benedictine Central to pick up a free student copy of their transcript. Students are advised to bring this to the advising appointment as it helps confirm hours earned and serves as a double check to see that coursework and credits are accurately reflected. On rare occasions, errors are made in the system, and those errors are time consuming to correct. It is better to find them prior to the official graduation audit just prior to graduation. It is always wise to double check that your transcript agrees with what you think the transcript will reflect; advising is an excellent time to review this material.

Graduation audits with Margie

need to be scheduled the quarter prior to planned graduation. These meetings are designed to confirm readiness for graduation, and students need to have at least one quarter lead time in case additional coursework needs to be taken for graduation. Students are reminded to bring a current transcript to this appointment.



Illinois counselor licensure shows dramatic increase in past 12 months

- Statistics show there are currently 1,728 LPCs—a 40 percent increase from last year and 4,087 LCPCs—an 11 percent increase.
- During that same period, LSWs experienced an 11 percent decrease to 2,890 and LCSWs felt a 0.3 percent decrease to 8,072.
- LMFTs (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists) underwent a 3 percent decrease to 416.
- Psychologists gained 4 percent bringing their number to 3,943—which is less the current number of LCPCs.

Statistics provided by the Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association

If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail.

-Abraham Maslow

BENEDICTINE BRIEFS



- **MCP 695—Issues Facing the Intern** must be taken at least one time during each placement (MCP 690 and 691); however, we want students to be aware that it can be taken more than once during each placement if the student chooses. Students may want to take an additional section of MCP 695 for extra support while on placement or as additional credit if needed for graduation. The additional credits will be calculated as elective credits.
- The MCP department is in the process of applying for status as an approved program by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation (IDPR). This approval will facilitate an easier process for our graduates in applying to take state licensing exams.
- The Experiential Language Exam is available for those students who took MCP 607 in spring 2002. It is a take-home exam that students can pick up in Benedictine Hall room 358. You will have two weeks to return the completed exam.
- Free student-copy transcripts are available in Benedictine Central. It is a good idea to get a copy periodically to keep track of one's credits and hours throughout matriculation to ensure a problem- and surprise-free graduation audit.

2002-2003 MCP ACADEMIC SCHEDULE UPDATES AND INFORMATION

- **MCP 695—Issues Facing the Intern** and **MCP 696—Clinical Psychology Seminar** will no longer be offered in summer term. They will both continue to be on the schedule for fall, winter and spring quarters.
 - **MCP 683—Social and Cultural Foundations** will be taught in the winter quarter by Dr. Alexey Shukin.
 - **MCP 647—Human Development: Adolescence** is being offered in the evening in the winter 2003 term. This is the first time in a great while that one of the Human Development courses has been offered at night. If you are restricted to taking classes primarily in the evening, this would be a good opportunity to fulfill your human development requirement. The class will be held on Wednesday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 - **MCP 685—Career Counseling, Testing and Planning** will NOT be offered in the spring 2003 term. This course is tentatively scheduled for summer 2003. Students planning to graduate in June of 2003 and have not taken this course, which is required for licensure, should take particular note of this change.
 - **MCP 648—Human Development: Adulthood** will not be offered in the 02-03 academic schedule.
 - **MCP 653—Behavior Disorders of Childhood** will be offered again in the spring 2003 term.
 - **MCP 510—The Physiology and Pharmacology of Psychotherapeutic Drugs** will be offered in spring 2003 on Wednesday nights.
 - And finally, **MCP 620—Cognitive Therapy** will be NOT be offered in summer 2003. It has been moved to the spring 2003 term.
- We will keep you informed of any further changes. As always, feel free to contact the department with any questions.

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MCP FIELD PLACEMENT ORIENTATION SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 25

The MCP field placement orientation has been scheduled for Saturday, January 25. All students who plan on entering field placement in the current academic year or in the fall of 2003 are required to attend. The orientation will run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will take place in the Krasa Center Presentation Room. More information will be sent in a separate mailing, and you will be asked to RSVP no later than January 10 to Liz Summers at 630-829-6230. See you there!

I am not in this world to live up to other people's expectations, nor do I feel that the world must live up to mine.

-Fritz Perls

Write a wise saying
and your name will
live forever.

-Anonymous