

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY  
School of Education and Human Services

# MASTER'S DEGREE 2013-2014 PROGRAM HANDBOOK

*DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING*



Keep this handbook throughout your program. You are responsible for knowing all information regarding your degree program.

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## Graduate Admissions Information

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Prospective students are invited to attend a ***Program Information/Advising Meeting***. This meeting provides a brief overview of the program for prospective students or those interested in obtaining more information about the Master's in Counseling Program at Oakland University and OU at Macomb. These meetings are held periodically throughout the fall, winter, and spring semesters. Contact the Counseling Department for a schedule. Also, individuals attending such a meeting are asked to bring their academic transcripts if they are unsure if they meet the prerequisite requirement of 24 credits of behavioral science coursework.



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Please retain this handbook for future reference. Students should also be familiar with all information pertaining to their degree program provided in the Oakland University Graduate Catalog.

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# **MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING**

The counseling profession helps people to become self-aware, growth oriented and effective in mastering the challenges of life. Counselors, as skilled, perceptive and broadly educated professionals, assist clients in identifying areas for improvement and in carrying out changes that promote life fulfillment. Drawing upon a foundation of research and theory in philosophy, psychology and education, counselors use therapeutic skills and consultation techniques with both individuals and groups. In any setting, the goal of counseling is to help people expand their potential, facilitate their development and live more satisfying and productive lives.

Our primary mission in the Department of Counseling is to assure that our graduates demonstrate the skills, abilities and expertise required of a professional counselor in a diverse society. As a counseling faculty, we are committed to continued study of the most current issues related to the field of counseling through the professional literature and by association with counseling and related professional organizations. We also remain active in research endeavors that maintain an environment of inquiry. The faculty aims to provide an educational environment which nurtures rigor and a desire to learn, and fosters collaborative relationships between faculty and students.

The faculty of the Department of Counseling is committed to attracting a diverse pool of graduate students who possess the intellectual ability and the personal characteristics that indicate a successful future as counseling professionals. The majority of our students are drawn from Southeastern Michigan, but increasingly we attract students who move here for the program, some from other states and countries. We intend to provide every student with a thorough and rigorous academic program in the core program content areas of human growth and development, social and cultural foundations, helping relationships, group work, career/lifestyle development, appraisal, research/program evaluation and professional orientation. We intend to provide each student with appropriate experiential learning opportunities to develop counseling and research skills. As a faculty, we are committed to creating a supportive, challenging learning environment in which students and faculty join in discovery learning and contribute to the understanding of the counseling process. We engage in activities that contribute to the well-being of our community through on-campus and off-campus service delivery projects. Both students and the community benefit from our continued commitment to providing a model counseling program. We continue to develop our programs to provide students with the resources, knowledge and experiences to demonstrate excellence in counseling practices. For specific department goals refer to the website at:

**<http://www.oakland.edu/counseling/>**

## **GENERAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- Goal I: To develop knowledge and skills regarding life-span growth and development.
- Goal II: Develop knowledge and skills about the social and cultural foundations of the counseling profession.
- Goal III: To develop knowledge and skills about counseling and helping relationships.
- Goal IV: To develop knowledge and skills about Group Dynamics and Group Counseling.
- Goal V: To develop knowledge and skills about appraisal including educational, intelligence, and personality testing; evaluation and measurement principles; and ethical issues relating to the fair use of tests.
- Goal V: To develop knowledge about the research and evaluation process in counseling.
- Goal VII: To develop knowledge and skill about life-style and career development.
- Goal VIII: To develop skill in the application of counseling techniques and procedures to clients in supervised internships and practicum.
- Goal IX: To develop knowledge about professional, ethical, and legal responsibilities as a counselor.
- Goal X: To develop knowledge and skill necessary for specialized practice in selected counseling areas.

# DIRECTORY

## FACULTY

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Professors have multiple responsibilities in teaching, research and service. Staff members may be serving 300-400 students and faculty. Please review the semester advising hours for each professor in order to receive a more timely response to your questions and concerns.

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# **BIOGRAPHIES**

## **FACULTY**

**Erin Binkley**, Assistant Professor, received her Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Counseling from Idaho State University in 2010. She received her M.A. in counseling from Wake Forest University in 2007, and her B.A. in Communications Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2000. Erin is a National Certified Counselor and specializes in Elementary and Secondary School Counselor Education. Her professional interests include the development of counseling skills, use of the creative arts in counseling, and student development. She has made numerous presentations and is active in professional counseling organizations, including the American Counseling Association, the Association of Counselor Education and Supervision, the American School Counseling Association, and Chi Sigma Iota International. She enjoys running, cooking, music, and film.

**Thomas W. Blume**, Associate Professor, completed his Ph.D. in Marital and Family Therapy in 1987 at Texas Tech University. His career before entering academe included working with heroin addicted soldiers in Vietnam, teaching in early childhood settings, and working as a federal program consultant on family issues, and conducting family therapy and divorce mediation. His 2006 textbook, *Becoming a Family Counselor*, demonstrates his BONES taxonomy of therapeutic strategies and his Identity Renegotiation approach to counseling. His teaching research and clinical work are generally organized around theoretical issues including multiple applications of Identity Renegotiation theory. In the Fall 2011 he will become coordinator of the Couple and Family specialization. In his personal life Tom enjoys spending time with his wife, Libby and family, and may be found bicycling, reading fiction, and hanging out at the neighborhood hardware store.

**Michael P. Chaney**, Associate Professor and coordinator of the Addictions Specialization in the Department of Counseling. A Licensed Professional Counselor, National Certified Counselor, and Approved Clinical Supervisor, he received his Ph.D. in Counseling from Georgia State University in 2004. He is a board member of Counselors for Social Justice and a Past-president of the Association of LGBT Issues in Counseling. He serves as an editorial board member for both *The Journal of Addictions and Offender Counseling* and the *Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling*. He is a Regional Trainer for the American Psychological Association's HIV Office for Psychology Education (HOPE) Program. He has numerous publications in prestigious professional journals in the areas of addictive disorders, sexual compulsivity, sexual orientation/gender-identity and expression, social justice and advocacy in counseling.

**Stephanie A. Crockett**, Assistant Professor, received her Ph.D. in Counselor Education from Old Dominion University (ODU) in 2011 and her M.S. Ed in Counseling from ODU in 2008. She is a nationally certified counselor (NCC) and has provided counseling and career services to high school students, college students and adults for the past 10 years. Dr. Crockett currently serves in a national leadership position as treasurer for the Association for Assessment in Counseling and Education. Her professional interests include career development and counseling, research methods and assessment, and clinical supervision. She has authored many articles in professional counseling journals, co-authored a counseling text, and presented at several regional and national counseling conferences. She enjoys cooking, leisure reading, gardening, traveling, and attending concerts.

**Robert S. Fink**, Associate Professor, received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1974 from the State University of New York, Buffalo. He is a licensed psychologist. He joined the faculty in August, 1996 after prior appointments at the university as the Director (17 years) and Associate Director (1 year) of the University Counseling Center and as an assistant professor in the psychology department for four years. His current research interests include clinical studies of Vincent Van Gogh, Abraham Lincoln and other chronically depressed individuals who drew on their depressive experience transformatively to have a creative influence on society and culture. He is also writing a book on clinical principles and strategies in therapeutic counseling with clients who are habitually attracted to death. A third area of special interest involves the role of the relationship in psychotherapy and supervision as a vehicle for change. He is passionate about good clinical teaching and derives much satisfaction from helping practitioners at all levels of development to elevate their professional practice and self confidence. As a clinician, he has worked with a broad range of clients and clinical issues. Special practice areas include traumatized individuals and families, troubled children and adolescents, personally disordered adults, and survivors of murder victims. He serves as the coordinator of the Post-Master's Child and Adolescent Specialization. Bob lives in Huntington Woods and enjoys getting together with his globally dispersed family, good conversation reading (particularly fiction), writing poetry, tennis, biking, art, photography, and travel.

**James T. Hansen**, Professor, received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1992 from the University of Detroit. He joined the faculty in 1995. Dr. Hansen is the coordinator of the Advanced Specialization in Mental Health Counseling, oversees doctoral dissertation research, and teaches a variety of doctoral and master's level courses, including Research and Testing and Assessment. In addition to teaching, Dr. Hansen has published about fifty refereed articles in leading journals in the field. He is the co-editor of an award winning book about humanistic counseling and author of a book on philosophical issues in counseling. His primary scholarly interests are philosophical and theoretical issues in counseling and critical analysis of contemporary mental health culture. He has received multiple honors for his scholarly contributions. Dr. Hansen has over twenty-five years of experience working in various capacities in the mental health realm. He has extensive experience as a clinical supervisor and has conducted individual and group counseling with outpatients, day hospital patients, and psychiatric inpatients. Furthermore, Dr. Hansen has a strong background in psychological testing with adults, adolescents, and children.

**Lisa D. Hawley**, Associate Professor and Department Chair, received her Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of South Carolina and MA degree in Community Counseling from Kent State University. She joined Oakland University in the fall of 1999. Her previous experiences include counseling in both community and school settings (hospitals, homeless shelters and middle school settings). Her professional interests and publications include the areas of group work, cross-cultural counseling (especially issues related lower socioeconomic populations), professional identity of counselors and qualitative research. Dr. Hawley has served as doctoral coordinator and CACREP Liaison prior to Department Chair. She also serves on the Licensure Committee for the Michigan Counseling Association. Leisure activities include spending time with her family, cooking, tennis, traveling and listening to music.

**Todd W. Leibert**, Assistant Professor completed his Ph.D. in Mental Health Counseling in 2005 at the University of Florida, Gainesville. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor who worked in community mental health agencies starting in 1998, primarily counseling adult clients in recovery from substance dependence. He teaches Research in Counseling, Practicum, and Doctoral research and writing classes. His research centers on what makes counseling work and how change/outcome in counseling is measured. He enjoys involving students in his research and encouraging them towards pursuing their own research passions. In personal life Todd enjoys gardening, hiking, biking, listening to alternative rock music, and discussing socioeconomic political issues- the more controversial, the better.

[Terrance R. McClain](#), received his B.S. in Counseling/Psychology from Rochester College in 2003, his M.A. in Counseling from Oakland University in 2006, and he is currently working on his dissertation (ABD) for completion of the PhD in Education with a major in Counselor Education and Supervision at Oakland University. Since winter term 2009, he has been a Lecturer in the Counseling Department, has supervised masters' level students in their practicum experience, presented at national, regional and on-campus conferences, and co-authored a chapter in the textbook, *Workforce Diversity: Current and Emerging Issues and Cases*. Professor McClain is a member of numerous professional organizations, licensed as a professional counselor, school guidance counselor and is a nationally certified counselor. As a lecturer, he was nominated for a Teacher Excellence Award here at Oakland University during the 2012 winter term.

[Brian Taber](#), Assistant Professor, received his doctorate in 2004 from Kent State University in Counselor Education and Supervision. While a graduate student, he worked as a research assistant in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Northeastern Ohio University's College of Medicine. His research interests are in the areas of career development and vocational assessment. Brian serves as Director of the Adult Career Counseling Center. Leisure activities include bicycling, hiking, and reading.

## **STAFF**

[Ashley Karas](#), SEHS Counseling Center Coordinator, received her M.A in Counseling from Oakland University with a specialization in Mental Health. Since completing her degree, she has worked in community agency settings, both inpatient and outpatient: with children, adolescents, adults and with the prisoner population. Ashley has also been involved with program management, supervision, marketing and community outreach. Ashley enjoys spending time with family and her rescued cats and greyhounds, and also likes rock climbing, yoga and gardening.

[Diane Johnston](#), Administrative Assistant, joined the department in February 2009. Diane is a Michigan native with experience in finance, office management and event planning. She completed a Post Master Specialization in Human Resource Management and M.A. in Public Administration at Oakland. She also holds a degree in Finance from Walsh College in Troy. Diane enjoys sports, reading and travel with her family.

[Bobbie Wells](#), Office Assistant, joined the department in 2013. Bobbi lives in Troy and is married with two sons and 3 dogs - boxers. She enjoys spending time her family, being a Mom and scrap booking.

[Cathy Trahan](#), Internship Coordinator, received her M.A. in Counseling from Oakland University. When away from the office, Cathy enjoys traveling and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

[Laurie Shano](#), Macomb SEHS Academic Adviser/Cohort Coordinator received her B.A. in Psychology and her M.A. in Counseling from Oakland University. Previous to working for OU, Laurie spent six years in Special Education working for the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD). In 2011, Laurie was awarded (in Denver, CO) the Outstanding New Adviser Certificate of Merit from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) and has been nominated for Adviser of the Year for Oakland University every year that she has worked for OU. She is a member of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and has been certified as a Crisis Counselor. Laurie's professional interests include College Advising, LGBTQA Issues in Counseling, and Solution Focused Therapy. Her personal interests include painting, gardening, and family gatherings. Laurie and her husband Scott have two daughters, one son.

# **THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM**

The Master's Degree Program in Counseling at Oakland University sets forth a 48 credit hour curriculum designed to foster both personal development and the acquisition of a broad range of knowledge and skills. Initial courses introduce the theoretical and professional components of the field. Later courses emphasize research and clinical skills. Finally, students are supervised intensively as they apply their knowledge and skills in courses that use on-campus laboratory facilities and approved field training sites. Students select an emphasis in either community/agency counseling or school counseling.

## **Careers in Counseling**

The knowledge and skills that the Master's Degree Program imparts can be applied in a wide variety of settings. Graduates may use the counseling degree as a step on their career ladder in a current occupation, as a mechanism for shifting into a related field or as an avenue to a new career. Employment opportunities include all levels of education, human resource services in business and industry, rehabilitative services, career development, mental health and community agencies and private practice.

## **Accreditation**

The Master's and Doctoral Degree Programs are fully accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs ([CACREP](#)) and prepares graduates for state licensure.

## **Admission to the Master's Degree Program**

The following prerequisites are required of applicants to the Master's Degree Program:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. A GPA of 3.0 is ordinarily the minimum standard for admission.
- At least 24 semester hours in the behavioral sciences, such as psychology or sociology before admission to the program.
- A written statement of purpose and goals.
- Successful completion of an interpersonal skills interview with the counseling department.
- Two professional letters of reference.
- Volunteer or employment experience in human services.

Admission is a selective process; meeting minimum criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Students are admitted two times each academic year: fall and winter semesters. Students attending Macomb University Center are admitted only for the fall semester.

**For more information on the Master of Arts in Counseling, contact either of the following:**

### **Graduate Admissions**

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Rochester, MI 48309-4401  
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### **Department of Counseling**

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Oakland University  
Rochester, MI 48309-4494  
(248) 370-4179 OR (248) 370-2018  
<http://www.oakland.edu/counseling/>

## **Application Deadlines**

The application deadlines are as follows:

<b><u>Fall Semester</u></b>		<b><u>Winter Semester</u></b>
On-Campus / MUC	April 15	On-Campus      October 1

## Application Process

Applications are online at the graduate admissions web site at <http://www.oakland.edu/grad/>. The following documentation is required for consideration of admission:

1. Submit an application for admission online at <http://www.oakland.edu/grad/apply/>.
2. A copy of official transcripts from all colleges attended. (Graduate admissions department will obtain Oakland University transcripts).
3. A formal written statement that explains the reasons for wanting to enter the counseling program, including a tentative selection of program emphasis and setting. The statement should include employment goals, and describe experiences and accomplishments in work with children, youth and adults in helping relationships. It is also recommended that students list those courses that they want to have considered to fulfill the required 24 semester credit hours in the behavioral sciences.
4. A minimum of two references recommending acceptance into the counseling program. Forms are provided with the application. Recommendations are an important part of the application procedure and are to be from professional people who can attest to the applicant's academic capability and effective interpersonal performance with children, youth and adults.

The Graduate Admissions Office will notify applicants when the materials have been received. This information is forwarded to an admissions committee in the Department of Counseling for pre-screening following the deadline date. Those applicants who meet the pre-screening requirements must successfully complete an interpersonal skills interview with the Department of Counseling. After the interpersonal skills interview, applications are reviewed a second time, and sent to the Graduate Office with recommendations from the admissions committee. Students are notified of their admission status by the graduate dean.

## Advising and Program Information

We are committed, as a Department of Counseling, to providing an advising community that will continue to meet your needs as they change from the beginning to the end of the program. We are a selective graduate level program and seek to provide a professional environment for adult learners. To achieve this goal we have defined the roles and responsibilities of students and faculty as partners in strong academic advising.

**The role of the advisor:** As fulltime faculty we are committed to teaching, service and research. One of our roles as teachers is to provide information and support for students as they make academic and career decisions. Therefore, each faculty member has open advising hours in which they are accessible by phone, email and walk-in appointments.

**The role of the Student:** As a student in the program we encourage you to follow-up with an advisor to access information. We also expect each student to read this handbook, join the ***cns-students*** listserv and review the [Counseling Department add link](#) website. The following list includes advising activities we have available for students:

1. The Handbook provides information about curriculum, professional organizations and licensing. Please take time to read the handbook and if you have questions, follow-up with an advisor. The Handbook is also available on the Department of Counseling website at <http://www.oakland.edu/counseling/>.
2. Each student is required to join the listserv to receive updates of schedules and changes. This is our main communication to the entire Department of Counseling for important announcements and information. You may sign up for listserv and modify your subscription by logging into <http://lists.oakland.edu/mailman/listinfo/cns-students>.
3. Weekly advising hours are available during each semester throughout the academic calendar. You may meet or connect by email or phone during open advising hours with any faculty member even if they are not your assigned advisor. You can use this time to make course selections and discuss issues such as your professional development, research interests, licensure and professional involvement.
4. We have the CNS information group during the Fall and Winter Semester which provides a

student-to-student perspective in a group format. Information about dates and times is posted on the listserv at the beginning of each semester.

5. We have also developed several espace sites to access information for Practicum and Internship You may access them at: [espace.oakland.edu](http://espace.oakland.edu)
6. Finally, you are encouraged to attend Chi Sigma Iota <http://stuorgs.oakland.edu/csi-theta> and Department events focused on professional development.

### **PROGRAM STEPS:**

**Prospective Students:** If you are considering applying to the program, please attend one of the Prospective Students Meetings. (Schedules are available throughout the Academic Calendar) to review admission policies and ask questions about the program.

**Newly Admitted Students:** Each newly admitted student is invited to an orientation meeting and assigned an advisor. We expect new students to attend orientation to obtain an overview of the program and information regarding licensure and certification. Following orientation and the first few weeks of CNS 500 and 510, each student will have the opportunity to meet with their assigned advisor designated on their admission letter. If you do not know the name of your advisor please follow up with [johnsto2@oakland.edu](mailto:johnsto2@oakland.edu) .

The goal of the first semester advising meeting is to complete your program plan (<http://www.oakland.edu/?id=3375&sid=50>) and discuss your professional goals. We expect each student to have a draft of their program plan and have reviewed the orientation and handbook material in preparation for the meeting. Each student is also provided information about curriculum in CNS 500 Introduction to the Counseling Profession. We encourage this meeting to happen after a few weeks into the first semester so that each student experiences graduate curriculum and the best number of credits which fits their outside expectations (family, work, etc.) Each student is expected to have their program plan on file by the end of CNS 500 and CNS 510. If you have difficulty meeting during open advising, please attempt to make an appointment with your advisor or, if necessary, meet with another faculty member to complete your program plan. Completed program plans should be returned to your instructor or Diane Johnston at 450A Pawley Hall. Please make sure that you keep a signed copy of the completed plan for your records.

**Open Advising:** Each student can access weekly advising hours during the academic calendar. Beyond the completion of the program plan, students are able to meet with any faculty member during open advising. Most of the open advising hours coincide with students on campus. In general, advising occurs in the afternoons until evening class times. Please keep in mind that faculty are engaged in teaching, service and research which often requires meetings, site visits, classes off campus, research activities (i.e. writing and data collection) and time away from campus for association meetings. Therefore, planned advising meetings or open advising hours are the best way to ensure that you are making the best use of your educational opportunities.

### **Important Curriculum Information:**

Outlined below is important information regarding prerequisites and school and community program requirements. Students in our program are required to choose an emphasis in community/agency or school counseling.

### **Students in both emphases have the following options available for completing the 48 credits.**

1. Complete a 2 year full-time planned program at Oakland University campus.
2. A part-time program of one or more courses each semester- completed within six calendar years.
3. A 2 ½ year planned program at the Macomb University Center.
  - a. Applications are accepted for each Fall semester.
4. Applications are accepted in the Fall and Winter semesters.

## **COURSE OF STUDY:**

A minimum of **48 graduate level credits** are required for Oakland University's Masters Degree in Counseling.

**Please Note:** All courses must be completed prior to beginning the two-semester sequence of Practicum and Internship with the exception of CNS 660 Research in Counseling and/or your Elective. Both of these courses may be completed concurrently with Practicum and/or your elective may be completed with Internship. Please plan your schedule with these requirements in mind.

\*Each semester an announcement on the listserve will be posted with mandatory orientation information for students taking Practicum and Internship. Due to the compliance and ethical issues required of each of these courses, students not attending orientation may not be able to enroll in the course. These meetings are to be completed the semester prior to completing the courses.

### **Required Core Courses – 20 hours**

CNS 500 Introduction to the Counseling Profession (2)  
CNS 510 Multicultural Counseling (2)

**Note:** CNS 500/510 are pre-requisites to all other courses.

CNS 520 Theories of Counseling (4)  
CNS 530 Developmental Counseling (4)  
CNS 540 Testing and Assessment in Counseling (4)  
CNS 661 Techniques in Counseling (4)

Upon completion of the core courses, students select an emphasis either in community agency or school counseling. Both concentrations permit students to gain expertise and experience in areas of interest and required disciplines by taking four credits of electives as well as the following five courses:

### **Research and Clinical Courses – 20 credit hours**

CNS 640 Career Development Theory and Practice (4)  
CNS 660 Research in Counseling (4)  
CNS 663 Group Counseling (4)  
CNS 664 Counseling Practicum (4)  
CNS 666 Internship in Counseling (4)

### **Counseling Emphasis in Community/Agency Setting – 4 credit hours.**

CNS 564 Introduction to Community/Agency Counseling (2)  
CNS 574 Diagnosis/Treatment Planning in Counseling (2)  
Internship work is then done in an appropriate community/agency site.

### **Counseling Emphasis in School Setting – 4 credit hours.**

Students who are seeking endorsement as a school counselor in preparation for a position in that capacity take:

CNS 561 Introduction to School Counseling (2)  
CNS 571 Consultation Theory and Practice (2)

For students without a teaching certificate, the School Counseling Specialization (12 credits), will be required in addition to the above electives.

Internship work is then done in an appropriate site which is applicable to the level of endorsement sought.

### **Elective – 4 credit hours required**

Departmental electives include a variety of courses, including a few that are offered on a regular basis focusing on significant loss, human sexuality, chemical dependency, career counseling, and couple and family counseling. A proposal for independent research in an area of special interest may also be submitted for approval as an elective if an appropriate elective is unavailable. The student needs to submit the proposal in collaboration with a faculty member prior to chair approval.

### **Electives (4 credits required)**

This is a sampling of elective offered. This is not an exhaustive list and electives are not offered each semester.

*CNS 573 Introduction to Family and Couple Counseling (4 credits)*  
*CNS 577 Reaction to Significant Loss (4 credits)*  
*CNS 578 Introduction to Chemical Dependency (4 credits)*  
*CNS 641 Integrative Holistic Medicine Principles (4 credits)*  
*CNS 653 Counseling for Wellness (4 credits)*  
*CNS 697 Seminar in Couple and Family Counseling: Ethics (2 credits)*  
*CNS 697 Seminar in Couple and Family Counseling: Human Sexuality (2 credits)*  
*CNS 560 Special Problems in CNS (4 credits)*  
*CNS 669 Legal/Ethical Issues in C S (2 credits)*  
*CNS 670 Social cultural Issues in CNS (2 credits)*  
*CNS 687 Philosophical & Meta-Theoretical Issues in Counseling (4 credits)*  
*CNS 431 Crisis Intervention/Prevention Self Harm (4 credits)*  
*CNS 697 Human Sexuality (2 credits)*  
*CNS 697 Advanced Human Sexuality (4 credits)*  
*CNS 560 Art Therapy (2 credits)*

**Note:** *A proposal for independent research in an area of special interest may also be submitted for approval as an elective under CNS 560. The student must first obtain a commitment from an interested faculty member to sponsor this work.*

*Additional electives may be offered through Professional Development. [www.oakland.edu/profdev](http://www.oakland.edu/profdev)*

### **Practicum – CNS 664**

In order to register for Practicum you must have all classes completed with the exception of CNS 666 Internship, CNS 660 Research and your elective. If these requirements are not met at the time of registration, you will not be able to register for practicum 664. Practicum is a single-semester supervised counseling experience utilizing the facilities of School of Education and Human Services Counseling Center in Pawley Hall. When you have successfully registered to take practicum 664, you must attend one of the [mandatory practicum meetings](#) held before class starts. If you do not attend one of the meetings you will not be allowed to take practicum that semester.

### **Internship – CNS 666**

In order to register for Internship you must have completed all classes in the program, with the exception your specialization classes and elective. The internship class is a 600 hour supervised counseling experience at a site that is suitable to the interest of the student and generally takes more than one semester to complete. Oakland University graduate student interns have been placed at more than 100 different internship locations. These sites include Crises Centers, hospitals, and health services, alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation centers, court and probation offices, community mental health agencies, schools and colleges, youth homes and locations in business and industry. A copy of Guidelines for Internship Placement may be obtained from the Internship Coordinator. More information regarding internship sites is available in the Internship Site Information binder in Room 450J Pawley Hall. A [mandatory](#) meeting for all Internship class students is held before the each semester begins.

### **Full-time Two Year Program**

On main campus students may take the Master's program at their own pace. A full-time plan allows the

student to complete in the shortest time (two years). A student may take up to six years to complete the program. If a student has a special circumstance, a Petition of Exception may be filed for an extension of one or two years. Most classes are available evenings. Day classes are offered for classes with multiple sections. Below are samples of schedules. Each student's program plan is unique to their scheduling needs. Students need to follow the pre-requisites and program requirements.

### Sample 2-Year Program Plan

	Year 1	Year 2
<b>Fall</b>	CNS 500 CNS 510 CNS 520 CNS 661	CNS 664 CNS 660
<b>Winter</b>	CNS 530 CNS 540 CNS 640	CNS 666 Elective
<b>Spring</b>	CNS 564/574 (Community/Agency) CNS 663 <b>Or</b>	
<b>Summer</b>	CNS 561/571(School)	

### Sample 2-Year Program Plan (School Program)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2 School specialization coursed in PD
<b>Fall</b>	CNS 500 CNS 510 CNS 520 CNS 530	CNS 664 CNS 660	TD 500 and 511
<b>Winter</b>	<b>CNS 661 **</b> CNS 540 CNS 640	CNS 666 Elective	TD 554
<b>Spring</b>	<i>Apply for PD</i> CNS 663 <b>Or</b>		CNS 688, SE 500
<b>Summer</b>	CNS 561/571 **		

\*\* Even if you are taking longer than 2 years for the program, you can still begin the specialization in fall of your second year. You just need to have completed 28 credits by then, including School Counseling CNS 561/571 and Techniques CNS 661.

## **Part-time Study**

Part-time study is available for students who are employed or have other responsibilities that prohibit full-time study. Although part-time study offers students a high degree of flexibility, they still must meet all regular admission requirements and complete the degree requirements within six calendar years. Students are admitted part-time status for the Fall and Winter semesters. Part-time students must adhere to all prerequisite requirements when registering for courses.

### **Sample Part-time Program Plan**

	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
<b>Fall</b>	CNS 500 CNS 510	CNS 540	CNS 660	CNS 664
<b>Winter</b>	CNS 520	CNS 661	Elective	CNS 666
<b>Spring</b>	CNS 564/574 Or	CNS 640	CNS 663	
<b>Summer</b>	CNS 530	CNS 561/571		

## **Macomb Cohort Program**

The Macomb University Center Program is an off-campus master's program in counseling for students residing or working in the Macomb County area. The program is cohort based and allows completion of the degree in **two full years and one semester**. Students are admitted to the program as a cohort in fall only and must take all courses (except laboratory classes and electives) at the Macomb University Center and in the prescribed sequence. Admission to the program is selective and applicants must meet all regular admission requirements. A completed application for fall admission must be received by April 15.

### **Sample Macomb Cohort Program Plan**

	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
<b>Fall</b>	CNS 500 CNS 510 CNS 520	CNS 640 CNS 660	CNS 666
<b>Winter</b>	CNS 530 CNS 540	CNS 663 Elective	
<b>Spring</b>	CNS 661 CNS 564 or CNS 561 CNS 574 or CNS 571	CNS 664	
<b>Summer</b>	CNS 661	CNS 664	

## **COUNSELING CREDENTIALS**

Licensing and Certification issues are reviewed at the first orientation meeting upon admittance, as well as

during CNS 500 Introduction to Counseling, and CNS 666 Internship in Counseling. Prior to the end of Introduction to Counseling students are expected to review the licensure and certification process appropriate to their career goals.

**Licensing Applications:**

We are available to guide students through the process of licensure and certification but students are responsible for filing their own license and/or certification documentation. Students are responsible for completing the appropriate paperwork for licensure and completing any examination required for states where they will be applying. Licensing to be completed by OU can be sent to 450 Pawley Hall, attention Diane Johnston once completed and signed by the student. The OU portion once verified, will be sent to the State office for processing. This process may take between 4 – 6 weeks for processing once received at the State offices.

**Limited Licensed Professional Counselor (LLPC) and Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)**

State licensure of counselors in Michigan went into effect on January 1, 1990. As mandated by current licensure laws, all new graduates may apply for a limited license. They will become eligible for full licensure after at least two years and 3,000 hours of supervised experience and successful completion of the National Counselor Examination (NCE), required by the State. All community/agency graduates must be licensed in order to practice the profession of counseling. For more information contact:

**Michigan Department of Community Health  
Board of Counseling  
P.O. Box 30670  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 335-0918**

Application can be obtained online at:

[http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299\\_63294\\_27529\\_27536---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299_63294_27529_27536---,00.html) (State web page)  
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch\\_couns\\_full\\_licpkt\\_83585\\_7.pdf?20130627142709](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch_couns_full_licpkt_83585_7.pdf?20130627142709) (LLPC application)

**Please note that a background/finger print check is required for all health care professionals in the State of Michigan.**

Toni A. Dennis  
LARA/Bureau of Health Care Services  
Long Term Care Division  
Workforce Background Check  
P.O. Box 30670  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Phone 517 373-3775 Fax 517 241-1212  
dennisT@michigan.gov

[http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299\\_63294\\_27655\\_27662-138762--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299_63294_27655_27662-138762--,00.html)

**School Counselor Endorsement**

Students who have a valid Michigan teaching certificate and have followed the school counseling emphasis may seek recommendation for school counselor endorsement at the K-12 level. School counselors will be required to pass a state examination. While state licensing (LLPC) is not required of graduates who become certified in school counseling, students are also eligible for this license and job opportunities are broader for those who do go on to get their state license. Students must now register on the **MOECS** website and complete a CNS application for licensing. See Appendix for **MOECS** instructions. Applications are available on the CNS website.

**School Counselor Endorsement: cont.**

**DO NOT use this form if you completed a school counselor program at a Michigan university. Candidates**

who completed requirements for a school counselor license at a Michigan university must apply directly to that Michigan university to be recommended for the school counselor license.

**DO NOT** use this form if you hold a teaching certificate from another state and are also certified as a school counselor in that state. Instead, please contact (517) 373-3310 to request an application for Michigan teacher certification.

**State of Michigan Contact** [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530\\_5683\\_14795-22288--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_5683_14795-22288--,00.html)

### **School Counselor License (for students without Michigan teacher certification)**

To be recommended for the School Counselor License, you must have successfully completed a Master's Degree in Counseling (School Counseling emphasis) from an approved counselor education program and complete the following:

- **CNS 561 (or equivalent)** Introduction to School Counseling (2 credits)
- **CNS 571 (or equivalent)** Consultation Theory and Practice (2 credits)
- **CNS 666** School-based Internship (4 credits)
- **12 credits of post-master's school counseling specialization which includes the following:**

TD 500 Introduction to Teaching and the Schools

TD 554 Advanced Inter Lab for Teacher Development

SE 500 Introduction to Student with Special Needs

TD 511 Learning Theories

CNS 688 Seminar in School Counseling

### **Pass the Michigan Test for Guidance and Counseling (#51 on the MTTTC)**

Students must now register on the **MOECS** website and also complete a CNS application for licensing. See Appendix for **MOECS** instructions. Applications are available on the CNS website.

### **Preliminary Authorization for Employment**

***(Applies to Students seeking School Counselor Endorsement or School Counselor License.)***

Students with Michigan teacher certification may apply for Preliminary Authorization for Employment after completion of 30 credits in their program (only elective and internship remaining). This state authorization allows the student to apply for employment as a school counselor and complete the internship while employed with full pay and benefits. Students must supply support materials to Diane Johnston (room number/phone or the Chair of the Counseling department. This authorization is non-renewable and limited to 3 years, at which time the student must have gained the School Counselor License to continue employment. Students must now register on the **MOECS** website and also complete a CNS application for licensing. See Appendix for **MOECS** instructions. Applications are available on the CNS website.

***NOTE: Students without teacher certification must have completed the 12 credits of post-master's school counseling coursework before they are eligible for Preliminary Authorization for Employment with an Elective and Internship remaining.***

### **National Certified Counselor (NCC)**

In addition to licensing, students/graduates can enhance their qualifications by applying for certification as a National Certified Counselor. The NCC credential is issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc., (NBCC) in cooperation with the American Counseling Association. Requirements for the NCC are essentially the same as counseling licensure in Michigan, with two exceptions. The first is that NCCs are required to accumulate continuing education credits (100 hours prior to renewal every five years). This requirement helps to keep NCCs current in the field. Second, the NCC can be obtained by a graduate of a CACREP-approved program immediately upon graduation, even though full licensure will require two years of supervised practice. Applicants for the NCC must pass the National Counselor Examination (see the following section).

### **The National Counselor Examination (NCE)**

The National Counselor Exam (NCE) is optional for voluntary national certification (NCC) through NBCC. However, in recent years, the State of Michigan has adopted the NCE as the required exam for Licensed

Professional Counselor (LPC). Therefore, all graduates of the Counseling Program should plan to take the National Counselor Exam (NCE). The NCE is administered twice each year, in April and October, by NBCC. Because the NCE serves multiple purposes, there are several registration options with differing fee schedules and deadlines. Students should be aware that the application deadline can be as early as six months prior to the exam date, depending on the registration option chosen. The following information is offered for clarification.

- **Examination Sites**

- **Special Administration Sites**

- A CACREP-Approved Program such as Oakland University may arrange to serve as a Special Administration site, which offers students a reduced fee and a later deadline than regular applicants for the National Exam sites. Oakland University typically serves as a Special Administration site for both the April and October examination dates. The application process for this option is handled by the Department of Counseling. Applicants should obtain a special application folder from Cathy Trahan, Internship Coordinator. All materials and fees should be submitted to the Campus Coordinator.

- DO NOT USE AN APPLICATION FORM OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM NBCC OR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IF YOU WANT TO REGISTER UNDER THIS OPTION!**

- Additionally, this option is recommended as the best choice for O.U. students because of the numerous advantages.

- **National Examination Sites.**

- NBCC contracts with schools around the country to serve as National Examination sites. These sites are open to ALL applicants for the NCE, regardless of their home school. Oakland University is identified as one of these National Exam sites and most often appears on the state and national registry as an October site. Applications for this option are obtained directly from NBCC.

- It is possible to apply for the NCE through the State of Michigan. However it is not recommended, as application by this option does not include national certification and will complicate the application process for national certification. While application through O.U. or NBCC may be more costly than applying through the State, it fulfills a requirement for both state licensure and national certification. Also note that Oakland University occasionally serves as both a National Site and Special Administration Site simultaneously. Regardless of the registration option chosen, ALL applicants take the same exam with the same examiner.

- **Eligibility**

- The NCE is generally taken only by individuals who have completed a Master's degree in Counseling. However, students in a CACREP program are granted an exception **if they take the exam at their home school and register for the Special Administration.** With this exemption, Oakland University students can register for/take the NCE during their internship.

- **Scores**

- Scores for applicants registered at the National Exam Sites are mailed soon after the exam is taken. Scores from applicants registered at the Special Administration Sites are mailed four to six weeks after the exam.

## **Advanced Specializations**

The department offers advanced specializations for current students who desire to specialize at the master's level and for post-master's students who wish to add advanced skills. Admission to specializations is limited and competitive; prospective students can obtain admission information from the specialization coordinator. Students who are admitted are expected to complete the specializations in sequence and within one calendar year. Each specialization consists of advanced theoretical course work, advanced techniques and an advanced clinical internship. Twelve credits of specialization are **in addition** to the 48 credits required for the M.A. degree.

**[Advanced Specialization in Addictions Counseling - 12 credits](#)**

*Michael P. Chaney, Coordinator (248 370-3084 or [chaney@oakland.edu](mailto:chaney@oakland.edu) )*

CNS 668 Conceptual Models of Addiction (4)  
CNS 678 Counseling the Chemically Dependent (4)  
CNS 679 Fieldwork in Addiction Counseling (4)  
Prerequisites: CNS 578 and coordinator's permission

**[Advanced Specialization in Child and Adolescent Counseling - 12 credits](#)**

*Robert Fink, Coordinator (248 370-2012 or [fink@oakland.edu](mailto:fink@oakland.edu) )*

CNS 680 Counseling in Infancy and Early Childhood (4)  
CNS 681 Counseling the Older Child and Adolescent (4)  
CNS 682 Advanced Internship: Child and Adolescent Counseling (4)  
Prerequisites: CNS 661 and coordinator's permission

**[Advanced Specialization in Couple and Family Counseling - 12 credits](#)**

*Thomas Blume, Coordinator (248 370-3069 or [blume@oakland.edu](mailto:blume@oakland.edu) )*

CNS 693 Advanced Couple and Family Theory (2)  
CNS 694 Couple and Family Methods and Techniques (2)  
CNS 695 Advanced Couple and Family Development (2)  
CNS 696 Couple and Family Assessment (2)  
CNS 698 Advanced Couple and Family Practicum (4,8)  
**Additional 8 credit hours to qualify for Michigan License in Marriage and Family Therapy:**  
CNS 697 Seminar in Couple and Family Counseling (2)  
CNS 699 Advanced Methods of Couple and Family Counseling (4)  
Prerequisites: CNS 573 and coordinator's permission

**[Advanced Specialization in Mental Health Counseling - 12 credits](#)**

*James T. Hansen, Coordinator (248 370-3071 or [jthansen@oakland.edu](mailto:jthansen@oakland.edu) )*

CNS 684 Intelligence and Personality Assessment (4)  
CNS 685 Psychopathology (4)  
CNS 686 Fieldwork in Mental Health Counseling (4)  
Prerequisites: Coordinator's permission

**[Advanced Specialization in Student Affairs Administration - 12 credits](#)**

*Lisa Hawley, Coordinator (248 370-2841 or [hawley@oakland.edu](mailto:hawley@oakland.edu) )*

EL 586 Introduction to Administration of Student Services in Higher Education (4)  
CNS 591 Counseling and Advising the College Student: Admissions, Advising, Retention, Career Planning (4)  
CNS 592 College Student Development and the Campus Setting (4)

**[Wellness Specialization – 12 credits](#) (Applications being accepted for June 2014)**

*Lisa Hawley, Coordinator (248 370-2841 or [hawley@oakland.edu](mailto:hawley@oakland.edu) )*

**[Career Specialization – 12 Credits](#) - (Applications being accepted for June 2014)**

*Brian Taber, Coordinator (248 370-4173 or [taber@oakland.edu](mailto:taber@oakland.edu) )*

[Specialization in School Counseling - 12 credits](#)

**Must apply through Professional Development:**

<http://www.oakland.edu/schoolcounseling/>

**(248) 370-3033**

For students who wish to become employed as a school counselor and do not have a Michigan teaching certificate. Those with vocational certification would either seek additional credits for regular certification or get a School Counselor License (SCL).

12 credits beyond required 48 credits for Master's degree:

TD 500 Introduction to the School and Society (2)  
TD 511 Learning Theory (2)  
TD 554 Advanced Interaction Laboratory for Teacher Development (4)  
SE 500 The Exceptional Student (2)  
CNS 688 Issues in School Counseling (2)  
Prerequisites: CNS 661 and coordinator's permission

**APPLICANT SELECTION CRITERIA**

To be admitted into the program, an applicant shall have

- Successfully completed a Master's Degree in Counseling from an approved counselor education program.  
NOTE: Individuals who have not completed their Master's Degree in Counseling may enter this program after completion of CNS 661, CNS 561, and CNS 571, Techniques in Counseling or an equivalent course.
- Maintained a graduate grade point average of 3.0 or better
- Submitted two recommendations
- Completed a goal statement
- Documented prior experience with children

To be recommended for a School Counselor License, you must also complete the following:

CNS 561 Introduction to School Counseling (2 credits) – or equivalent course  
CNS 571 Consultation Theory and Practice (2 credits) – or equivalent course  
CNS 666 A SCHOOL BASED INTERNSHIP (4 credits)  
Pass Michigan Test #51 for Guidance and Counseling (\*\*)

\*\* This may be accomplished during the 48 hour masters program. If done post masters, it would require an additional 600 hour school based internship if the previous internship was done in an agency or clinical setting.

**PRELIMINARY AUTHORIZATION FOR EMPLOYMENT**

Students without Michigan teacher certification must complete all coursework, with the exception of an elective and Internship (CNS 666) to be eligible for Preliminary Authorization for Employment.  
Completed paperwork should be submitted to Diane Johnston in 450A Pawley Hall, (248) 370-2018.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Listserve Subscription and OU Email Accounts.** (See appendix H)

All students are required to activate their Oakland University email accounts and join the Department of Counseling's listserv before starting the program. To activate your email account you can go to [www.oakland.edu/uts](http://www.oakland.edu/uts) and follow the directions for email registration. After you have received and activated your e-mail account you can subscribe to the listserve. ***Students should remember that a listserv posting is disseminated to over 300 subscribers. Post only messages of interest to large members of students and faculty. Explicit and inappropriate postings are strictly prohibited.*** If students utilize the listserv for referral purposes, please take strict precautions to protect the confidentiality of your clients

To subscribe to listserv as a current student go to:

**<http://lists.oakland.edu/mailman/listinfo/cns-students>**

To post information to listserv as a current student:

**[Cns-students@lists.oakland.edu](mailto:Cns-students@lists.oakland.edu)**

### **Tuition**

For tuition information, please refer to Oakland University website.

**<http://www.oakland.edu/tuition/>**

### **Graduate Assistantships** (See appendix E)

The Counseling Department has a limited number of graduate assistantships available for students enrolled in the full-time program. Assistantships are awarded competitively and require 20 hours per week of assistantship work. The assistantships generally include a stipend per academic year and include 16 credits of graduate tuition reimbursement. Information about these financial assistance opportunities is available from the administrative secretary or chairperson and the website at

**<http://www.oakland.edu/?id=3376&sid=50>** or you may also contact the office of Graduate Studies for additional opportunities **<http://www.oakland.edu/gradstudy>**

### **Financial Aid**

For financial aid information, please refer to Oakland University website.

**<http://www.oakland.edu/financialaid/>**

The Office of Financial Aid is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on holidays and during holiday breaks. You can meet or talk with a Financial Aid adviser during regular office hours.

Student Financial Services  
120 North Foundation Hall  
2200 N. Squirrel Road  
Rochester, Michigan 48309-4481  
Telephone: (248) 370-2550  
E-mail: [finaid@oakland.edu](mailto:finaid@oakland.edu)

### **Scholarships**

The School of Education and Human Services is proud to have so many generous friends and supporters who have made scholarships and awards possible for our students. Awards are available to students from multiple

departments. Applications for most scholarships are available for downloading from the SEHS Scholarship website, [www.oakland.edu/sehs/scholarships](http://www.oakland.edu/sehs/scholarships). Scholarships are often awarded on the basis of accomplishment. Additional selection criteria may apply.

Although not required, students are encouraged to complete a FAFSA for maximum consideration of all scholarships including financial need-based scholarships and grants. Only those students who have a completed FAFSA on file in the Oakland University Financial Aid office can be considered for those awards requiring financial need. Contact the OU Financial Aid office at (248) 370-2550 or [finaid@oakland.edu](mailto:finaid@oakland.edu) if you have questions or concerns regarding the FAFSA and determining one's financial need.

**Department of Counseling** <http://www.oakland.edu/counseling/>

- [George R. and Helen Klein Memorial Scholarship](#)
- **The Dennis and Carlotta Pawley Endowed Graduate Student Lean Award**

## **The Office of Graduate Studies**

The management and oversight of Graduate Academic Programs, Graduate Enrolled Student Services, Graduate Policies and Graduate Assistantships and Fellowships is managed in Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning.

520 O'Dowd Hall  
(248) 370-4156 (Office)  
(248) 370-2566 (Fax)

<http://www.oakland.edu/gradstudy>

## **Michigan Works**

For Michigan Works information, please refer to Oakland University website. □

<http://www.oakland.edu/michiganworks/>

Michigan Works – **Troy Service Center**  
550 Stephenson Highway, Ste. 400  
Troy, MI 48083  
(248) 823-5101

**OU's Liaison to Michigan Works:**  
Scott Crabill, Director, Integrative Studies  
[socrabil@oakland.edu](mailto:socrabil@oakland.edu)

## **Graduation**

Students **must apply to graduate** by submitting an Application for Degree online. Students should apply to graduate for the term they will complete requirements. **Application deadlines are listed on the graduate web site** <http://www.oakland.edu/gradstudy> Commencement is held twice each year. Students who graduate in April (winter) are invited to the May ceremony. Students who graduate in August (summer) and December (fall) are invited to the December ceremony. For commencement information, visit the **Oakland University Commencement Web site** at <http://www.oakland.edu/?id=4489&sid=176>. [Order your final transcripts.](#)

## **Registration**

<http://www.oakland.edu/registrar>

To begin the registration process follow these steps:

- Step 1:** Go to [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu)
- Step 2:** Click on the **SAIL icon**
- Step 3:** Enter your **OUCA Email User Name**
- Step 4:** Enter your **OUCA Email Password**

If you are a new student you must first obtain your email user name and password by going to [OUCA](#). To obtain your email user name, you must have your Grizzly ID number and six-digit **PIN (Personal Identification Number)**

- Step 5:** Click on **Login** You now have one sign on access to eBill, Financial Aid, Library, Moodle, Registration, SAIL, Webmail

NOTES AND CAUTIONS: Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox 1.x, or Netscape Navigator 7 or later are the recommended browsers.; JavaScript must be enabled;

### ***SAIL Web Registration***

- Step 1:** Go to [SAIL](#) (Link is Direct Access to Login to Secure Area)
- Step 2:** Click on **Login to Secure Area**
- Step 3:** Enter your **Grizzly ID** number and six-digit **PIN (Personal Identification Number)**. If you are a new student to Oakland University, your PIN is your birth date (mmddyy); The system will require you to change your PIN to something other than your birth date.)  
**OR** enter your OUCA Email User Name and OUCA Email password.

#### **PIN Hint Question (Login Verification Security Question and Answer):**

If you have not established a PIN Hint question and answer, the system will prompt you to do so the next time you sign in. Follow the prompts and type in a brief PIN Hint question. Example: What is my mother's maiden name?

The first time you access the web site you must **read and agree to the Terms of Usage** for the site. To agree to the terms and gain access to web services, click on **Continue**.

- Step 4:** Click on **Login**
- Step 5:** Click on **Student Services & Financial Aid**
- Step 6:** Click on **Registration** to enter the registration menu.
- Step 7:** **Select Term** and follow the prompts. To determine what day and time you are eligible to register, please select Registration Status from the Registration Menu or consult the Schedule of Classes.

NOTES AND CAUTIONS: Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator are the recommended browsers; Do not use your browser's back button to move between pages; Logoff using the **exit** button located at the upper right corner of any frame; Try clicking the help button for assistance.

**Questions or comments? Please e-mail [registra@oakland.edu](mailto:registra@oakland.edu).**

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **University Graduate Grading Policy**

<http://www.oakland.edu/apps/searchou/default.aspx?cx=017797428627749203211:osdmnabajs&cof=FORID:11&ie=UTF-8&q=grad+studies>

The basic graduate grading system at Oakland University is a 32-point system of numerical grades of 0.0 through 4.0 by tenths and non-numeric grades of W, I, P, U, S, R, and Z.

The first two weeks of a semester (one week in the summer I and summer II sessions) are a “no-grade” period for dropping and adding full semester courses. (For “first-half” or “second-half” courses, this period is the first week of the appropriate “half-term.”) Courses dropped during these periods are not indicated on the student’s manuscript.

**The meanings of non-numeric grades are as follows:**

**The W (Withdraw)** grade is assigned by the registrar if a student withdraws officially from a course or all courses between the end of the no-grade period and the last day for withdrawal specified in the *Schedule of Classes* each term.

**The I (Incomplete)** grade is temporary and may be given only after the cut-off date for use of the “W” grade. It is used in the case of severe hardship beyond the control of a student that prevents him or her from completing course requirements. Course work to remove an “I” grade must be completed during the first eight weeks of the next semester (fall or winter) for which the student registers unless a student-initiated extension is approved by the instructor and the graduate dean. If course requirements are not completed within one year and no semester has been registered for, the “I” grade shall become permanent. A student who wishes to receive an Incomplete grade in a course must present a Student Request for Incomplete (I) Grade form to the instructor by the day of the scheduled final examination. This form, which indicates the instructor’s willingness or unwillingness to grant the “I” and the schedule he or she sets for completing the term’s work, is available in department offices.

**The P (Progress) grade** is a temporary grade that may be given only in a course that cannot be completed in one semester or session. Prior approval must be obtained from the appropriate committee on instruction and the Dean of Graduate Study for each course in which “P” grades are to be assigned. The “P” grade is given only for satisfactory work. “P” grades must be removed within two calendar years of the date of assignment; otherwise the “P” converts to a permanent “I” which remains on the transcript.

**The grade of “U”** is given to graduate students only when a course is graded S/U and implies a non-passing grade of less than 3.0.

**The grade of “S”** is given in certain selected courses and is meant to imply 3.0 or better. Courses in which S/U grading is used must be approved by the appropriate committee on instruction and the graduate dean, who will notify the registrar.

**The grade of “R”** is a temporary grade assigned by the registrar in the absence of a grade from the instructor or in the case of the award of an inappropriate grade.

**The final grade of “Z”** is assigned upon registration for a course as an auditor. The student’s declaration of intention to audit is required at the time of registration, and it is understood that no credit for the course is intended that term. An audit registration for a course is permitted only during the late registration period each term. Permission of the instructor to audit and admission to the university are both required before such a registration will be permitted. Regular tuition and fees apply to all courses.

All grades and marks assigned will appear on a student’s transcript. However, only numerical grades are used in computing the student’s grade point average.

**Petition of Exception**

Students may request waivers or modifications of specific program requirements by filing a *Petition of Exception* form with the Chair of the department. These forms may be obtained from your advisor or the department’s administrative personnel.

<http://www.oakland.edu/?id=13790&sid=174>

**Transfer of Credit**

Students who want to transfer graduate credits are required to submit an Application for Graduate Transfer Credit obtained from the Graduate Office or Department of Counseling. This is done after admission to the program has been granted. The form is to be submitted to the student’s faculty adviser or the program Chair. Forms can be found at grad studies web site <http://www.oakland.edu/gradstudy/forms/>

**Guidelines:**

1. Only graduate credits from an accredited school will be accepted.
2. The credits will not be accepted if they have already been applied to another degree.
3. The credits may not have been earned more than six years before the master’s degree is to be

- granted.
4. A maximum of 9 semester hours of transfer credits may be applied toward a graduate degree.
  5. Courses graded below a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale may not be transferred.
  6. Term hours are not equal to semester hours and will be calculated appropriately.

Students who wish to have credit for prior graduate coursework earned at another regionally accredited U.S. college or university transferred to count toward an Oakland University degree, must submit a Transfer Credit Request application for approval by their academic adviser and Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning. The Transfer Credit Request application is available at [www.oakland.edu/grad](http://www.oakland.edu/grad). Students must have completed one semester in their graduate program at Oakland and be in good academic standing (no on probation or limited standing) to file the Transfer Credit Request application. Applications must be received no later than the first week of the semester in which the student expects to graduate. An official transcript of the graduate coursework must be on file in Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning prior to review of the Transfer Credit Request application. Students should be prepared to provide the graduate program advisor a catalog copy of the course description from the former institution and/or a course syllabus. Credit for prior coursework must be earned at the graduate level (500 level and above) with a grade of at least 3.0 (or B) and not be graded pass/fail, satisfactory/unsatisfactory or credit/non-credit; it must be applicable to the student's program and may not have been previously used to satisfy degree requirements at Oakland University or another institution. In accordance with policies set by the Michigan Council of Graduate Deans, no more than one credit will be awarded, per week of instruction. Oakland University does not provide transfer credit for life experience, credit by examination, independent study courses or noncredit courses. A maximum of 9 semester hours of transfer credit is acceptable toward a graduate degree. Approved graduate transfer credit will appear on the student's official transcript. Transfer credit earned more than six years before the Oakland University degree is awarded will not be applied toward degree requirements and is not subject to further extension. Once admitted and enrolled in an Oakland University graduate program, students should consult with their graduate faculty adviser before enrolling in graduate courses, outside of Oakland University, to satisfy a graduate degree requirement.

[http://www2.oakland.edu/gradstudy/pages/pages.cfm?page\\_id=123#Graduation](http://www2.oakland.edu/gradstudy/pages/pages.cfm?page_id=123#Graduation)

### **Leave of Absence**

Those students, who are considering a **Leave of Absence**, should seek immediate guidance from their advisor or department chair. Whenever possible, the request should be made in advance of the anticipated leave or as soon as possible after commencement of an emergency leave. Requests for **Leave of Absence** will not be granted retroactively. Students who are absent beyond the end of an approved Leave of Absence will be required to apply for readmission to the program.

[http://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/Graduate%20Study/Forms/Leave%20of%20Absence%20Form%20Object\\_06-12.pdf](http://www.oakland.edu/upload/docs/Graduate%20Study/Forms/Leave%20of%20Absence%20Form%20Object_06-12.pdf)

### **Class Wait List Procedure**

A wait list is maintained for all closed classes. If you attempt to register for a course and it is closed (reached maximum capacity), you may add your name to the wait list by contacting Diane Johnston via email at [johnsto2@oakland.edu](mailto:johnsto2@oakland.edu) if you meet all the prerequisites for the class. In your email you must include the class requested, class CRN #, semester, email and your phone number. You must also have signed up for listserv to receive current notices about class availability. We will audit the class lists regularly. If a spot opens up due to cancellation or withdrawal, students on the wait list will be registered into the course in the order that they were received on the wait list via the add/drop system.

## **Department of Counseling Grading Policy and Academic Standing**

4.0-3.9 Superior grades reserved for students who exceed expectations in all respects (Equivalent to an "A+"). 3.8-3.6 Excellent grades intended for students who exceed expectations in some respects (Equivalent to an "A"). 3.5-3.3 Good grades intended for students who meet requirements in all respects (Equivalent to a "B+"). 3.2-3.0 Minimally satisfactory performance in a graduate course (Equivalent to a "B-").

Grades falling below a 3.0 indicate that the student has not performed at the level expected for graduate study and will result in the student repeating the course and being placed on academic probation. In some cases, a class rubric is satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Unsatisfactory is equivalent to below 3.0 The student is also required to meet with his or her advisor and submit a new program plan and remediation plan at the beginning of his/her probation period.

**Two courses with a grade under 3.0 results in a faculty review and will result in dismissal or a remediation plan.**

### **Appeal of Grade**

Students who would like to appeal a grade should first contact the instructor who issued the grade. If student is not satisfied with the instructor's response, the student should refer to the Procedure for Resolving Grade and Program Status Grievances.

### **Class Attendance**

Instructors determine their own policies regarding class attendance requirements. In most cases, attendance is required at all class sessions. Whenever possible, attendance questions should be resolved through student-instructor discussions. **Only in exceptional cases and with the instructor's permission will students be allowed to add a class or switch sections after having missed the first class session.**

### **Academic Standing**

Students must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better and make satisfactory progress toward the degree to remain in good standing. Satisfactory progress is evaluated by the student's advisor, who consults with the department chair and faculty. No grade below a 2.0 may be applied to a degree. Two grades below 3.0 or one below 2.0 leads to a progress evaluation and possible dismissal.

### **Counselor Competency and Fitness**

Students must follow all professional standards and ethical guidelines for counselors and exhibit personal qualities and characteristics, which are necessary for effective functioning in the role of counselor. Students who do not uphold these standards will be considered to be not making satisfactory progress toward the degree. This will result in a progress evaluation and possible dismissal. **(See Appendix A.)**

### **Academic Conduct of Graduate Students**

All members of the academic community at Oakland University are expected to uphold standards of academic conduct. Following are some examples of academic misconduct:

1. Cheating on examinations. This includes using materials such as books and/or notes when not authorized by the instructor, copying from someone else's paper, helping someone else copy work, substituting another's work as one's own, theft of exam copies, or other forms of misconduct on exams.
2. Plagiarizing the work of others. Plagiarism is using someone else's work or ideas without giving that person credit; by doing this students are, in effect, claiming credit for someone else's thinking. Whether students have read or heard the information used, they must document the source of information. When dealing with written sources, a clear distinction should be made between quotations (which reproduce information from the source word-for-word within quotation marks) and paraphrases (which digest the source of information and produce it in the student's own words). Both direct quotations and paraphrases must be documented. Even if students rephrase, condense or select from

another person's work, the ideas are still the other person's, and failure to give credit constitutes misrepresentation of the student's actual work and plagiarism of another's ideas. Buying a paper and handing it in as one's own work is plagiarism.

3. Cheating on lab reports by falsifying data or submitting data not based on the student's own work.
4. Falsifying records or providing misinformation regarding one's credentials.
5. Unauthorized collaboration on computer assignments and unauthorized access to and use of computer programs, including modifying computer files created by others and representing that work as one's own.

Unless they specifically indicate otherwise, instructors expect individual, unaided work on homework assignments, exams, lab reports and computer exercises, and documentation of sources when used. If instructors assign a special project other than or in addition to exams, such as a research paper or original essay or a book review, they intend that work to be completed for that course only. Students must not submit work completed for a course taken in the past or from a concurrent course unless they have explicit permission to do so.

**Instructors are expected to maintain the following standards in the context of academic conduct:**

To inform and instruct students about the procedures and standards of research and documentation required to complete work in a particular course or in the context of a particular discipline.

- To take practical steps to prevent and detect cheating.
- To report suspected academic misconduct to the Dean of Students, 144 Oakland Center, for consideration by the Academic Conduct Committee of the University Senate.
- To present evidence of plagiarism, cheating on exams or lab reports, falsification of records, or other forms of inappropriate academic conduct before the Academic Conduct Committee.

**Students are expected to maintain the following standards in the context of academic conduct:**

- To be aware of and practice the standards of honest scholarship.
- To follow faculty instructions regarding exams and assignments to avoid misrepresentation of work.
- To be certain that special rules regarding documentation of term papers, examination procedures, use of computer-based information and programs, etc., are clearly understood.
- To avoid the appearance of cheating.

If students believe that practices by the instructor are conducive to cheating, they may convey this message to the instructor, to the chairperson of the department, or to any member of the student/faculty Academic Conduct Committee (either directly or through the Office of the Dean of Students).

If academic misconduct is determined by the Academic Conduct Committee, the committee assesses penalties ranging from academic disciplinary reprimand, to academic probation, to suspension or expulsion (dismissal) from the university. All conduct records are maintained in the Office of the Dean of Students.

For information regarding academic dismissal, denial of admission, and appeal procedures, refer to the Graduate Catalog.

**University Non-Discrimination Policy**

You are encouraged to contact the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives at (248) 370-3496 if you have concerns regarding discrimination and/or harassment. Please refer to Administrative Policies and Procedures, #710 and # 711.

## **Guidelines for Grade Grievance and Program Status Grievance:**

If a student chooses to grieve a grade the following steps should be followed:

**Step 1:** All student grade grievances are first to be discussed with the course instructor. If a satisfactory resolution is not reached at this step, the student has the right to carry the grievance forward (step 2).

**Step 2:** The grievance is brought by the student to the Chair of the Department of Counseling, who will attempt to render a decision. If a satisfactory resolution is not reached at this step, the student may bring the grievance to the department faculty through the procedure outlined in step 3.

In lieu of the foregoing process, if the complaint involves the Chair of the Department the Associate Dean should be contacted. If the Associate Dean is contacted by the student, the Associate Dean will appoint an alternative Department of Counseling faculty representative.

**Step 3:** Within 60 days of the last day of classes for the term in which the grade was assigned, the student must complete the "grade grievance form" with relevant supportive documentation (attached). The student submits it to the Department Chair who schedules it for discussion at the next regular department faculty meeting. The faculty may act as a whole or appoint a subcommittee to resolve the grievance. The subcommittee shall consist of not less than 3 full-time counseling faculty members and will not include the instructor against whom the grievance was lodged. The subcommittee (or entire faculty) will gather evidence from both instructor and student and strive to render its decision within 10 business days of its charge. The decision of the faculty or the committee is final and binding.

## **Guidelines for Procedures of Violation of Competency and Fitness**

A student's progress is dependent on maintaining levels of competence and fitness for all academic activities, including attendance, professionalism, course conduct, and clinical performance and ability to abide by the tenets of the Department's Counselor Competency and Fitness Statement and the American Counseling Association's Code of Ethics. Specifically, ACA Ethics (2005) standard F.3. states: "through ongoing evaluation and appraisal, counselors are aware of the academic and personal limitations of students and supervisees that might impede performance. Counselors assist students and supervisees in securing remedial assistance when needed and dismiss from the training program supervisees who are unable to provide competent service due to academic or personal limitations." Professional conduct is an important element of academic conduct due to the performance requirements within the field of counseling. Please note that a student found to have engaged in academic misconduct will be subject to various sanctions, up to and including dismissal from the Program.

## **Informal Review Procedures for Student Problems**

When student problems come to faculty/staff attention, the faculty/staff member attempts to resolve the problematic behavior by communicating directly with the student. This is considered an informal review. In many cases, this initial communication with the student will resolve the problem with no further occurrence of the problem.

A formal review will occur if (1) the student problem is not resolved, (2) the original student problem reflects an egregious behavior, or (3) a student refuses to reply to communications and/or attend meetings with the concerned faculty/staff member.

## **Formal Review Procedure for Violations of Competency and Fitness**

1. A student concern form is completed by a faculty and/or staff member describing the issue. A faculty member meets with the student to review and complete the student concern form (**see Appendix G**) and a copy is placed in the student's file. In the case of a staff member or part-time faculty member with a student concern the student concern form is completed by the staff member or part-time faculty member with a full time faculty member present from the Department of Counseling appointed by the chair.

If the issues discussed in the student concern form are not resolved, the concern form is reviewed by the Department Chair and forwarded to the Professional Conduct Committee (which consists of three tenure track faculty, with at least two of the faculty tenured in the Counseling Department) for review.

The following procedures will occur following the completion of the student concern.

- If the student concern is resolved, no further action is taken unless a second concern form is completed.
  - If a student receives a second student concern form or/and there is an egregious violation of competency and fitness standards (See page Counselor Competency and Fitness Standards) and/or ACA Ethics Standards (2005), then the concern will automatically be referred to and reviewed by the Professional Conduct Committee.
  - If a student does not reply and/or meet with the staff/faculty member with a reasonable timeframe, then the student concern form will be automatically referred to the Professional Conduct Committee.
1. If a student concern is unresolved then the Department Chair will send a formal letter within 10 business days to the student stating that the student concern will need to be reviewed by the Professional Conduct Committee. The formal letter will include the following: (1) The student concern summarized and (2) the student's rights during the review process.
  2. The Professional Conduct Committee will conduct an investigative meeting following department procedures. The committee may recommend one of the following in writing sent to the student within 10 business days of the conduct committee:
    1. The student concern is dismissed.
    2. If evidence supports action then a remediation plan will occur:
      - a. A written student remediation plan with a specified time frame.
      - b. The Professional Conduct Committee will review student progress and completion of the remediation plan.
      - c. Unsuccessful completion of the remediation plan requires an automatic review by the Professional Conduct Committee with the possibility of the committee recommending dismissal.
      - d. Successful completion of the remediation plan requires no new action unless a second student concern occurs.
    3. A recommendation for dismissal is forwarded to the Chair of the Department with a copy to the Dean's office.
  4. The student has a right appeal to the SEHS Dean within 10 business days of the date that the notification is sent to the student.

### [University Closings](#)

Oakland will close only when the university's Department of Campus Facilities and Operations find weather conditions hazardous for travel to and from campus, or when utility failure or the contingency prevents the normal and safe operation of the university. **Contact Oakland University's Weather Hot-line (248-370-2000) for current information regarding weather-related university closings.** Classes at off-campus sites will be canceled if the University is closed **or** if the site is closed. Students are advised to listen to major local radio stations for information.

### [University Sexual Harassment Policy](#)

Contact the Department of [University Diversity and Compliance](#) at (248) 370-3496.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### [American Counseling Association \(ACA\)](#)

The American Counseling Association is a not-for-profit, professional and educational organization that is dedicated to the growth and enhancement of the counseling profession. Founded in 1952, ACA is the world's largest association exclusively representing professional counselors in various practice settings.

By providing leadership training, publications, continuing education opportunities, and advocacy services to nearly 55,000 members, ACA helps counseling professionals develop their skills and expand their knowledge base. ACA has been instrumental in setting professional and ethical standards for the counseling profession. The association has made considerable strides in accreditation, licensure, and national certification. It also represents the interests of the profession before Congress and federal agencies, and strives to promote recognition of professional counselors to the public and the media. For more information, contact: [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

### [Michigan Counseling Association \(MCA\)](#)

The central mission and purpose of the Michigan Counseling Association is to enhance human development throughout the lifespan and to promote the counseling profession. MCA is a Branch of the American Counseling Association, and subscribes to the ethical guidelines and by-laws of ACA. Membership options are available to individuals interested in or actively engaged in counseling, guidance and personnel services. MCA, an active organization for over 30 years, is the largest professional counseling organization in Michigan. There are over 2,200 members who also belong to divisional affiliations for areas of specialization. For more information, contact: <http://www.michigancounselingassociation.com/>

### [ACA and MCA \(Student Membership\)](#)

Counseling students are encouraged to join professional organizations that stimulate greater personal and professional involvement in the counseling field. Some of these organizations are the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the Michigan Counseling Association (MCA). Students may join at a special discount rate. Membership in ACA also makes possible enrollment in a professional liability insurance program at student rates. Applications for both MCA and ACA are available in 491B Pawley Hall.

### [Chi Sigma Iota \(CSI\)](#)

Chi Sigma Iota, the international honor society of counseling professionals and professionals-in-training, promotes scholarship, research, and professionalism in the study and practice of counseling. Membership in Chi Sigma Iota can contribute to professional development by introducing students to a network of professionals dedicated to excellence in the field of counseling. In addition, students receive a certificate of membership and recognition at the annual GCSA Spring Conference. To be eligible for membership in the Oakland University Theta Chapter, students must be enrolled in the counseling program leading to a graduate degree, and have completed at least 12 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. Applications are on-line. <http://www.oakland.edu/counseling/orgs>

Chi Sigma Iota activities include professional lectures, a departmental newsletter, planning and implementation of an annual spring conference and social activities. Members are also involved in fund-raising and volunteer activities that are designed to stimulate the growth and development of the organization and benefit the counseling area.

# **OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COUNSELING SERVICES**

## ***School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) Counseling Center***

The SEHS Counseling Center offers personal counseling services to students and members of the community at no charge (248-370-2633). Sessions are conducted by practicum counselors who are supervised by faculty members through a counseling practicum course at the master's level. Clients include children, adolescents, and adults who are seeking counseling for a variety of issues.

<http://www.oakland.edu/sehs/cc/>

## ***The Adult Career Counseling Center***

The Adult Career Counseling Center (ACCC) provides services for adults from the community who seek guidance in examining career possibilities (248-370-3092). The ACCC provides computer-assisted career guidance, individual career counseling and referral services at no charge. The ACCC is located in Room 250A Pawley Hall. Graduate students in the counseling program have an opportunity to work at the ACCC as graduate assistants or practicum counselors.

<http://www.oakland.edu/sehs/accc/>

## ***University Counseling Center (Graham)***

The Graham Counseling Center (248-370-3465) offers counseling, testing, and evaluation in the following areas: personal relationship, and I.Q. testing. These services are available for students, faculty and staff.

<http://www.oakland.edu/ghc/>

## **MISCELLANEOUS STUDENT SERVICES**

### **Academic Skills Center** <http://www.oakland.edu/tutoring>

The Academic Skills Center (ASC) offers a variety of services and programs to help students become independent learners and achieve their best academically. Services available at the ASC include the following: walk-in and appointment tutoring (<http://www.oakland.edu/tutoring/>), [Supplemental Instruction \(SI\)](http://www.oakland.edu/tutoring/SI) (<http://www.oakland.edu/tutoring/SI>), self-paced instructional materials, undergraduate readmissions, and much more. All services and support programs are available at no additional cost to currently enrolled OU students. Visit the ASC at its main office located at 103 North Foundation Hall, or its satellite location at 117 East Vandenberg Hall.

### **Division of Student Affairs** <http://www.oakland.edu/?id=106&sid=113>

The Division of Student Affairs sponsors a variety of programs and services, such as student clubs, health and counseling services, free tutoring, outstanding residential and dining programs, study skills seminars, recreation and more.

### **Computer Services**

[http://library.oakland.edu/information/departments/Systems\\_Office/otherlabs.htm](http://library.oakland.edu/information/departments/Systems_Office/otherlabs.htm)

Oakland University has many computer facilities on campus: All students at Oakland University are eligible to receive a free, unlimited access, Internet account with e-mail, world-wide-web, literature search, and full-text retrieval services, etc., which can be accessed from Oakland University or home. Please check the website for locations and hours.

### **Graham Health Center** <http://www.oakland.edu/ghc/>

Oakland University students, faculty, and staff may receive medical and counseling services at the Graham Health Center (248-370-2341). Services provided by the medical clinic include acute health care, work and school physicals, family planning, allergy injections, select immunizations, flu vaccinations, and health promotion activities.

### **Kresge Library Services** <http://library.oakland.edu/>

Kresge Library contains most of the library's collections, including magazines, circulating books, reference works and major library services, as well as two computer labs with 70 work stations. Librarians are available to answer questions, help students find information and use library materials. Teaching faculty and library faculty members collaborate on lectures and demonstrations regarding library usage and research techniques. Information on the Oakland University library holdings is made available through the DALNET on-line catalog which includes information on the collections of libraries at Wayne State University, the University of Detroit-Mercy, the Detroit Public Library, and many other libraries in the area. Books and journals not found in the Kresge Library collections can be obtained from other libraries through interlibrary loan. The library's on-line search service provides for customized computer-generated bibliographies of citations in a broad range of subjects. Many databases are available on-line over the campus network or on CD-ROMs for patron use in the library.

The Kresge Library is open 100 hours per week during the Fall and Winter Terms, with a somewhat reduced schedule during the Spring and Summer Terms. Individual study carrels as well as group meeting rooms are available for student use.

**[Kresge Writing Center](http://library.oakland.edu/tutorials/studentwriting.htm)** <http://library.oakland.edu/tutorials/studentwriting.htm>

The Oakland University Writing Center offers free support in all stages of the writing process for students enrolled at Oakland University or any of its satellite programs.

Its highly trained peer and faculty consultants can help students:

- Comprehend assignment goals;
- Translate instructor feedback into a revision plan;
- Develop confidence for new writing tasks;
- Choose assignment topics;
- Verbalize ideas;
- Transfer thoughts from head to hand;
- Gain awareness of audience, situation, and purpose;
- Organize thoughts;
- Generate clear and concise theses;
- Articulate informed arguments with appropriate claims and reasons;
- Gain control of grammar and mechanics;
- Locate and employ appropriate resources for research projects; and
- Learn and follow APA, MLA, Chicago, and other documentation guidelines for writing

While Walk-ins are welcome, students are encouraged to make an appointment; please do so by using the online scheduler. If you have other questions, please e-mail [ouwc@oakland.edu](mailto:ouwc@oakland.edu) or contact them at (248) 370-3120

In addition, students can enroll in the one-credit course, RHT 104, a supervised tutorial in which a student meets with a Rhetoric faculty member for weekly writing assistance.

**[Police Services](#)**

The Oakland University Police Department, 2 Public Safety and Services Building, is staffed under Oakland University and serves the university community 24 hours a day (370-3331). Officers are charged with enforcing state and federal laws and university ordinances. The Oakland University Police Department also has jumper cables, which they will loan with a deposit of your driver's license. <http://www.police.oakland.edu/contactoupd>

## **Counselor Competency and Fitness Statement**

Oakland University's counseling programs are required, as CACREP-accredited programs, to hold students to the highest professional, personal, and ethical standards. The *ACA Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice*, Section F.3.a, states in part, "Counselors, through ongoing evaluation and appraisal, are aware of the academic and personal limitations of students and supervisees that might impede performance. Counselors assist students and supervisees in securing remedial assistance when needed, and dismiss from the training programs supervisees who are unable to provide competent service due to academic or personal limitations" (pp. 15-16). The *Ethical Guidelines for Counseling Supervisors*, Published by the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, states in guideline 2.12: "Supervisors have the responsibility of recommending remedial assistance to the supervisee and of screening from the training program, applied counseling setting, or state licensure those supervisees who are unable to provide competent professional services. These recommendations should be clearly and professionally explained in writing to the supervisees who are so evaluated."

In the counseling program and counseling courses you will be required to demonstrate competencies that cannot always be adequately evaluated based on written assignments and classroom discussion alone. Therefore passing grades requires successful performance on nine factors that have been established as essential for performance as a competent and ethical counselor (M. Wiggins-Frame & P. Stevens-Smith, *Counselor Education and Supervision*, 35, pp 118-128, 1995). You are expected to be: 1) open, 2) flexible, 3) positive, 4) cooperative, 5) willing to use and accept feedback, 6) aware of impact on others, 7) able to deal with conflict, 8) able to accept personal responsibility, and 9) able to express feelings effectively and appropriately. The counseling profession is both interpersonal and performance based. Therefore behaviors which are evidenced by complaints and/or repeated concerns include some but not all of the following:

- (1) Unprofessional and/or Unethical conduct
- (2) Behaviors that place clients at risk during field placement, including current substance abuse problems; exploitation of clients; emotional, physical or verbal abuse; vindictive action toward clients; or stealing from clients
- (3) Inability to provide effective services to clients.
- (4) Behavioral displays of mental or emotional difficulties that represent a risk to others
- (5) Consistent inability or unwillingness to carry out academic or field placement responsibilities
- (6) Frequent excuse making when tasks, assignments, tests, and/or appointments are not completed in a timely manner or require rescheduling
- (7) Consistent nonattendance and/or tardiness in classes, at field placement and other required departmental functions
- (8) Lack of insight into negative consequences of own behavior and frequent blame of others or external factors for failures and difficulties in the academic or field placement environment
- (9) Inability to tolerate different points of view, constructive feedback or supervision
- (10) Failure to maintain regular contact with supervisors, which includes keeping them apprised of clinical and ethical issues pertaining to clients.
- (11) Dishonest academic practices, including but not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, aiding and abetting deception or dishonesty, and the falsification of records or official documents.
- (12) Verbal or physical aggressiveness toward others

You will be informed by your instructor if your performance on any of these factors is substandard and will be given specific, written feedback with guidelines for improvement following our procedures for maintaining competency and fitness (See Guidelines for Procedures of Violation of Competency and Fitness).

Counseling not only demands the highest levels of performance, it also subjects counselors to stresses and challenges that may threaten individuals' coping abilities. Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate mental and emotional functioning to work effectively with clients and colleagues. The resources and references listed below may be helpful to students.

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## National Resources

### **American Counseling Association Ethical Standards:**

<http://www.counseling.org/Resources/CodeOfEthics/TP/Home/CT2.aspx>

### **American Counseling Association Resources:**

<http://counseling.org/Students/>

## University Resources

**Academic Skills Center:** <http://www.oakland.edu/asc>

**Disability Support Services:** <http://www.oakland.edu/dss>

**Kresge Library Tutorials for Plagiarism and APA style:** <http://library.oakland.edu/tutorials/index.htm>

### **Mental and Physical Health Services for students:**

<http://www.oakland.edu/ghc/>

### **Student Resources:**

<http://www.counseling.org/Students/>

### **Writing Center:**

<http://www.oakland.edu/ouwc>

**MASTERS OF ARTS IN COUNSELING**  
**PROGRAM PLAN – COMMUNITY EMPHASIS**  
 Department of Counseling, Oakland University

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Home/Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ G Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSFER CREDITS**

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR

**ADVANCED SPECIALIZATION**

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR

**CORE REQUIREMENTS** 20

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR
INTRO TO CNS COREQ: 510 PREREQ TO ALL CNS CLASS	CNS 500	2	
MULTICULTURAL CNS COREQ: 500 PREREQ TO ALL CNS CLASS	CNS 510	2	
THEORIES OF CNS	CNS 520	4	
DEVELOPMENTAL CNS	CNS 530	4	
TEST & ASSESSMENT IN CNS	CNS 540	4	
TECHNIQUES IN CNS	CNS 661	4	

**NOTES:**

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*I have read and understand the OU Masters in Counseling Handbook and the policies and procedures established for the program.*

**SPECIALTY COURSES** Prereq Core 16

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR
CAREER DEVELOPMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE	CNS 640	4	
RESEARCH IN COUNSELING	CNS 660	4	
ELECTIVE (e.g. 573,577,578, 687,697)		4	
INTRO COMMUNITY COREQ: 574	CNS 564	2	
DIAGNOSIS /TREATMENT PLAN COREQ: 564	CNS 574	2	

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

An approved **Petition of Exception** form signed by the Chair is required for any exception to prerequisites.

Students are responsible for all material in the Masters in Counseling Student Handbook.

**Please forward your signed form to 450A Pawley Hall, and keep a signed copy for your records.**

**CLINICAL COURSES** 12

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR
GROUP COUNSELING PREREQ: 661	CNS 663	4	
COUNSELING PRACTICUM PREREQ: 564/574,640,661,663	CNS 664	4	
INTERNSHIP IN COUNSELING PREREQ: ALL COURSE WORK	CNS 666	4	

**MASTERS OF ARTS IN COUNSELING**  
**PROGRAM PLAN – SCHOOL EMPHASIS**  
 Department of Counseling, Oakland University

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home/Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 G Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSFER CREDITS**

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR

**ADVANCED SPECIALIZATION**

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR

**CORE REQUIREMENTS** **20**

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR
INTRO TO CNS COREQ: 510 PREREQ TO ALL CNS CLASS	CNS 500	2	
MULTICULTURAL CNS COREQ: 500 PREREQ TO ALL CNS CLASS	CNS 510	2	
THEORIES OF CNS	CNS 520	4	
DEVELOPMENTAL CNS	CNS 530	4	
TEST & ASSESSMENT IN CNS	CNS 540	4	
TECHNIQUES IN CNS	CNS 661	4	

**NOTES:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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*I have read and understand the OU Masters in Counseling Handbook and the policies and procedures established for the program.*

**SPECIALTY COURSES** Prereq Core **16**

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR
CAREER DEVELOPMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE	CNS 640	4	
RESEARCH IN COUNSELING	CNS 660	4	
ELECTIVE (e.g. 573,577,578, 687,697)		4	
INTRO TO SCHOOL COREQ: 571	CNS 561	2	
CONSULTATION THEORY & PRACTICE COREQ: 561	CNS 571	2	

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE:** Students who are not certified teachers must take the 12 credit Advanced Specialization in School Counseling to become eligible for the School Counseling License. Students who have completed all course work except for the internship and elective courses may be eligible for preliminary authorization for employment as a school counselor.

**CLINICAL COURSES** **12**

COURSE	NUMBER	CR	SEM/YR
GROUP COUNSELING PREREQ 661	CNS 663	4	
COUNSELING PRACTICUM PREREQ: 561/571,640,661,663	CNS 664	4	
INTERNSHIP IN COUNSELING PREREQ: ALL COURSE WORK	CNS 666	4	

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**APPENDIX D**

**School of Education and Human Services**  
**George R. and Helen Klein Memorial Scholarship**  
**Nomination Form**

<https://www.oakland.edu/apps/scholarshipsearch/?sid=505&join=505>



Barry Klein, a 1968 graduate of Oakland University, established the George R. and Helen Klein memorial scholarship in 1997 in honor of his parents. **You may nominate yourself or any qualified student in the program.** An award committee will select the awardee.

The winner will be announced at the Chi Sigma Conference held in April.

<http://www.csi-net.org/>

*Criteria for selection*

- Be a full- or part-time graduate student enrolled in counseling post-masters specialization program
- Primary interest in substance abuse counseling
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Have financial need
- Demonstrate potential and/or success as a professional counselor

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

*Nominator Information*

Are you nominating (check one): **Self**  **A qualified student**

**Your name (if not self-nomination):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's signature (if not self-nomination):** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

*Candidate Information (please complete all information known to you)*

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Minor Concentrations (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of credits completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anticipated grad. Date:** Semester, Year

Number of credit hours for Fall: \_\_\_\_\_ Winter (planned): \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Full or Part-time? \_\_\_\_\_

***Reason for Nomination***

Briefly describe the reasons you are nominating this student (or yourself) for this award, especially with regard to the student's interest in substance abuse counseling. You may cite examples of community service work in the field, plans for a future career in counseling and so forth. (NOTE: Be sure to complete and sign at bottom of page.)

**Please check the boxes and sign below:**

- I authorize the School of Education and Human Services to obtain a copy of my transcripts from the Oakland University Registrar's office.
- I represent that all information I have provided in this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that if I fail to meet the above criteria for the award, the award will be rescinded and given to another eligible student. I will then be liable to pay back the full amount of the award to Oakland University.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this application by March 7th to:**  
**Counseling Department Chair**  
**School of Education and Human Services**  
**450A Pawley Hall**

## APPENDIX E

### APPLICATION FOR A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING

#### School of Education and Human Services

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ G# \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

1. When were you admitted to the MA Program? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: Specialization Program grads are **NOT** eligible for graduate assistantships.)

When do you expect to complete the MA program? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many semester hour credits have you completed at Oakland University? \_\_\_\_\_

3. List Oakland University faculty members who know you best:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which hours of the week are you available for assistantship work?

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_

5. What was your undergraduate GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is your graduate GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Mandatory Attachments:**

1. Personal resume that includes your education, work experience, professional skills, and special accomplishments such as awards, scholarships, publications.
2. A brief summary of your financial need.

Please return completed application to room [450A Pawley Hall](#)

### Available Assistantships

Currently, assistantships in the Department of Counseling require 20 hours worked per week. The assistantships pay a monthly stipend per academic year and provide tuition of 8 credits per semester. Most assistantships start in the Fall semester and run for 2 renewable years or four semesters. (Fall, Winter, Fall, Winter).

Following are examples of past assistantship opportunities:

<b>Department</b>	<b># Available</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>
Advising Resource Center	1	Academic advising and personal counseling	Available to all students.
Adult Career Counseling Center	2	Helping community adults in career exploration	Available to 2-year and full-time students only.
Department of Counseling	1	Working with facilitating department functions	Available to all CNS students.
Human Resource Development	1	Undergraduate Advising	Available to all students.
Office of Equity	1	Advising scholarship students	Available to all students.
SEHS – ERL	2	Assisting student	Available to all students.

<http://www.oakland.edu/grad/paying>

## **Appendix F**

### **MOECS Instructions for teacher candidates graduating from MI institutions after December 2010.**

The Michigan Department of Education is in the process of transitioning to the new Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) database. The old system will be retired effective

**December 1, 2010.** This means that teacher certification candidates who will currently complete their programs from Michigan institutions in December will not be recommended for certification until the MOECS goes live on **February 8, 2011.** **You will receive a 90-day letter from the institution which is valid for obtaining employment in Michigan until your certificate is processed.**

If you are a teacher candidate who is affected by this transition to MOECS you will need to initiate the certification recommendation process by self-registering in MOECS beginning **February 8, 2011.** After you have self-registered your institution will receive a notification to

verify your certification information and submit the recommendation for your certificate. You will then receive an email notification to pay your certification fee online and your certificate will be processed and mailed to you within 7 to 14 business days.

Please visit <http://www.michigan.gov/moecs> for continued updates and more information on MOECS.

#### **TO REGISTER WITH MOECS ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 08, 2011, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS:**

##### **Step 1: Create a Michigan Education Information System (MEIS) Account**

Visit <https://cepi.state.mi.us/MEISPublic/> and follow the links on the screen to create a Michigan

Education Information System (MEIS) account. MEIS will email you a user ID and password along with the MEIS account number to the email address provided by you during MEIS registration.

##### **Step 2: Register with MOECS**

Once you have established a MEIS ID, please visit <http://www.michigan.gov/moecs> and on the login screen sign in with your MEIS user ID and password and follow the steps to self register with MOECS. On the registration page, you will be asked to provide your MEIS account number, which is included in the email that you received from MEIS.

##### **Step 3: Apply for Certificate in MOECS**

Once you have signed in with MOECS successfully, you will be asked to complete the demographic information and once it is saved, you will see the links on the left navigation panel. Choose the link that is appropriate for you and follow the steps to apply for your certificate.

##### **Step 4: University/College review/approval**

After you have applied for the certificate, your application will be submitted to the institution that you identified in the application process via MOECS for review and approval.

##### **Step 5: Online Fee payment**

Once your application is approved by the institution in MOECS, you will receive an email with a link for you to pay the fee online using credit/debit card or you can do so by logging into MOECS using your user ID and password.

##### **Step 6: Issuance of Certificate**

Once the fee is paid, your application will be approved by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) and the certificate will be printed and mailed to your address as stated in your demographic page within 7-14 business days.

If you are having any difficulties with the registration process, please contact the Office of Professional Preparation Services at 517 373-3310.

**STUDENT CONCERN REPORT**

**Appendix G**

**FACULTY/STAFF  
Department of Counseling  
Oakland University**

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First:</b>	<b>M.I.:</b>
<b>Faculty:</b>	<b>Course:</b>	
<b>Date Filed:</b>		
<b>Meeting Held On:</b>	<b>Room and Length of the Student Meeting:</b>	

Area(s) of Concern: (refer to the Counselor Competency and Fitness Statement)

Please describe the problem: (To be filled out by the faculty/staff member)

What has been done to resolve the problem? (To be filled out by the faculty/staff member)

What will be done to resolve the problem? (To be filled out by the faculty/staff member)

What is the student's perception of the problem and the resolution? (To be filled out by the student)

**Faculty/Staff Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature acknowledges receipt and does not imply agreement.*

**Page 1 & 2: Copy: Department Chair   Copy: Student;   Copy: Instructor**

## **Subscribing to Oakland University's Email & Counseling Listserv**

All students are required to activate their Oakland University email accounts and to join the Department of Counseling's listserv.

To activate your Oakland University email account go to [www.oakland.edu/uts](http://www.oakland.edu/uts) and follow the directions for email registration. After you have received your email account, you can subscribe to the listserv.

To subscribe to the listserv as a current student go to:  
**<http://lists.oakland.edu/mailman/listinfo/cns-students>**

To subscribe to the listserv as a doctoral student go to:  
**<http://lists.oakland.edu/mailman/listinfo/cns-doctoral>**

To subscribe to the listserv as a graduate of the program go to:  
**<http://lists.oakland.edu/mailman/listinfo/cns-grads>**

To post a message to the listserv (s), send your posting to the following email address:

**[cns-students@lists.oakland.edu](mailto:cns-students@lists.oakland.edu)**  
**[cns-doctoral@lists.oakland.edu](mailto:cns-doctoral@lists.oakland.edu)**  
**[cns-grads@lists.oakland.edu](mailto:cns-grads@lists.oakland.edu)**

Please note that explicit and inappropriate postings are strictly prohibited. If you are utilizing the listserv for referral purposes, please take strict precautions to protect the confidentiality and anonymity of clients. Do not reveal any identifying characteristics of clients.