

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, August 13, 2010

DECISION ITEM B-3:

Master of Science in Clinical Counseling To Be Offered by Indiana University Northwest at Gary

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Master of Science in Clinical Counseling to be offered by Indiana University Northwest at Gary, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, July 30, 2010; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, July 30, 2010.

Background

IU Northwest seeks authorization for an M.S. in Clinical Counseling with a specialization in Drug and Alcohol Counseling. The proposed degree builds on a 27-semester hour post-baccalaureate certificate program in Drug and Alcohol Counseling that the campus has offered for the past five years. Forty part-time students have been admitted into the certificate program, and five students have completed it, with four additional students within one or two courses of doing so. The current certificate program is the only instructional offering in Drug and Alcohol Counseling in the region.

Master's level preparation is the minimum educational requirement recommended by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors for counselors in this field. At the state level, Indiana has recently adopted changes in licensing regulations that will require, by 2012, a minimum of a master's degree in addiction counseling for entry-level practitioners.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that while overall employment of counselors is expected to grow much higher than the average for all occupations, the growth rate for employment for substance abuse counselors is even higher: 34 percent between 2006 and 2016. With respect to northwest Indiana, Lake and Porter Counties have higher substance abuse rates than the state as a whole. Furthermore, the Indiana Adult Household Survey indicates that residents of Lake and Porter Counties who need treatment are less likely than residents in other parts of the state to actually receive it. The proposed

master's degree is consistent with the campus mission and addresses regional needs.

Supporting Documents

- (1) *Abstract - Master of Science in Clinical Counseling To Be Offered by Indiana University Northwest at Gary, July 30, 2010.*
- (2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary – M.S. in Clinical Counseling, July 30, 2010.*

Abstract

Master of Science in Clinical Counseling
To Be Offered by
Indiana University Northwest at Gary

July 30, 2010

Objectives: To help meet the need for professionalization and licensing of practitioner in the field of drug and alcohol counseling.

Clientele to be Served: The program is designed to meet the needs of people who already work in the general field of drug and alcohol treatment or who plan to work in the field. It will enable students to prepare for certification and can enhance credentialing needed for professional development.

Curriculum: A total of 36 credit hours are required to complete the program, distributed as follows:

Drug and Alcohol Counseling Core (12 credit hours)

- Introduction to Addictions Counseling (3)
- Principles of Research in Psychology (3)
- Neuropsychopharmacology (3)
- Principles of Psychopathology (3)

Practica (9 credit hours; in-field counseling experiences)

Electives (15 credit hours, chosen from the following courses)

- Intervention and Evaluation (3)
- Advanced Survey of Community Psychology (3)
- Assessment (3)
- Community Intervention (3)
- Master's Degree Research (1-3)
- Biomedical Ethics (3)
- Health Program Design, Implementation, and Evaluation (3)
- Public Health Epidemiology (3)
- Mental Health Services Organization and Management (3)

Employment Possibilities: Drug and alcohol counselors work in schools, corporations, prisons, mental health clinics, psychiatric hospitals, halfway houses, and the private sector.

NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUMMARY

July 30, 2010

I. Prepared by Institution

Institution/Location: Indiana University Northwest at Gary
 Program: M.S. in Clinical Counseling

	Year 1 FY2011	Year 2 FY2012	Year 3 FY2013	Year 4 FY2014	Year 5 FY2015
Enrollment Projections (Headcount)					
Full-Time	3	6	6	6	6
Part-Time	7	14	21	28	28
Total	10	20	27	34	34
Enrollment Projections (FTE)					
Full-Time	3	5	5	5	5
Part-Time	3	5	8	11	11
Total	6	10	13	16	16
Degree Completions Projection	0	3	3	10	10
New State Funds Requested (Actual) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
New State Funds Requested (Increases) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

II. Prepared by CHE

New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Actual) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
New State Funds To Be Considered For Recommendation (Increases) *	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CHE Code: 10-19
 Campus Code: 1815
 County: Lake
 Degree Level: 07
 CIP Code: Federal – 511501; State – 511501

* Excludes new state dollars that may be provided through enrollment change funding.