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Bowling Green State University
Clinical Mental Health and
School Counseling Programs

The Bowling Green State
University's Clinical Mental
Health & School
Counseling Programs'
communication for
students, alumni, site
supervisors, and other
stakeholders.

Digital Curated Exhibit

We welcome you to view the exhibit
celebrating the counseling programs,
[available on one of our webpages](#).
Chronicling the historic moments in the
programs' history, this 15 minute
experience is best viewed with sound.



75th Diamond Anniversary

The 2024-2025 academic year marks the 75th year of counseling education at Bowling Green State University (BGSU). In 1949, a master's in "Guidance & Counseling" was created as one of BGSU's first dozen graduate degree programs.

In keeping with the counseling profession itself, over the years there have been additions and changes to the programs to bring them to the Clinical Mental Health & School Counseling Programs we know them as today.

In early December 2024, an Anniversary Reception was held in downtown Bowling Green where 200-some attendees celebrated the programs. It was great to see so many alumni as part of the celebration!

New Core Faculty



In fall 2024, we welcomed Dr. Heather Fye as a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor.

Dr. Fye brings with her many years experience as a counselor educator from other institutions.

Dr. Heather J. Fye, LPC, NCC, (she/her) has worked with and trained others in the mental health and school settings for over 18 years. Her counseling experiences have primarily been working with youth and their families through play and creative arts interventions. Her research interests include wellness, burnout, trauma-informed care, and professional issues of school counseling. Dr. Fye spent the past 6 years as a Counselor Educator at the University of Alabama. She enjoys line dancing and spending time with her family and two small poodles.

Annual Reports

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) and School Counseling (SC) programs regularly collect and evaluate data from a variety of sources. We invite you to visit our [Counseling Program Evaluation Outcomes](#) page and read the full annual Program Evaluation Outcome Reports and the CACREP Vital Statistics Surveys from our most recent academic years. We are pleased to share a summary and highlights.

By the Numbers

In Fall 2023 we welcomed 31 new students to our programs and had a total of 76 students enrolled across both degree programs.

From fall 2023 through summer 2024, 54 students were enrolled in the CMHC program. We are proud of the 19 who graduated. The estimated CMHC completion rate is 84%. Ninety-five percent (95%) of these students passed the National Counselor Examination (NCE) required for licensure, and 95% were employed within three months of graduation.

From fall 2023 through summer 2024, 23 students were enrolled in the SC program. Seven (7) graduated and this program had a 100% completion rate. The pass rate for Ohio Assessment for Educators 040, required for school counseling licensure was 87%, and 87% of SC graduates were employed in the field within three months of graduation.

Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

- Both our degree programs continue to be accredited by CACREP under the 2016 Standards. The 2024 CACREP Standards have been published and faculty continue to make changes to the programs to ensure compliance in time for re-accreditation in 2027.
- Maintaining CACREP accreditation for our Clinical Mental Health Counseling program is required for graduates to be eligible for LPC licensure in Ohio.
- As part of maintaining our CACREP accreditation, we completed our response to the Mid-Cycle Report in late 2024, and are currently working on the Program Self-Study due in late 2025.

Alumni Corner

Join the New Alumni Listserv!

Introducing the new CMHSC Alumni Listserv! This new tool will assist us in staying in touch with all our programs' alumni.

[Follow this link](#), and select "Subscribe" from the right-hand side menu. Enter the email you wish to use for the service.

Student Awards

In conjunction with the 75th Anniversary, we have chosen this time to initiate new Students of the Year awards. Starting this year, we will present yearly awards to one school counseling student and one clinical mental health counseling student. The awards are recognizing student growth as counselors-in-training and their contributions to the respective programs. Join us in congratulating our inaugural, 2024-2025 award recipients!

Marina Pennycuff, School Counseling
Abigail (Abby) Sherwood, Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Current students and alumni actively participated in the 2024 All Ohio Counselors Conference and the 2024 Legislative Advocacy Day. It is great to see such engagement from those connected to the BGSU CMHSC Programs!

