



BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Counseling and Special Education

Greetings,

I hope you are enjoying the last few days of summer. Fall semester is starting soon here at Bowling Green State University. As a graduate of our program, we would like to keep you informed about the progress and changes within our programs and school.

We have recently had changes in our faculty. Dr. Kelley Olds left her position and we conducted a search for new faculty. This resulted in hiring two fulltime tenure track faculty who will start fall 2019: Dr. Beth Gilfillan and Dr. J.P. Oehrtman. Dr. Gilfillan joins us from Pennsylvania State University where she earned her PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision. She worked as a school counselor for many years before returning for her doctorate. Dr. Oehrtman graduated from the Ohio State University with his PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision. He also brings with him significant experience as a school counselor.

This fall we will welcome twenty-four new students to our programs. This will bring the total number of students enrolled in our programs to 112. Over the past year we have had thirty students graduate with an MEd or an MA.

From Fall 2018 to Summer 2019, twenty-one students have graduated from the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, a 97% completion rate. In Ohio, clinical mental health counseling students take the National Counselor Exam (NCE) for licensure. BGSU Students had a 100% pass rate on this exam during this time period. These graduates also had 90% employment rate in the counseling field within 180 days of graduating the program.

From Fall 2018 to Summer 2019, nine students have graduated from the school counseling program, a 98% completion rate. In Ohio, school counseling students take the Ohio Educators Assessment (OAE) for licensure. BGSU Students had a 77% pass rate. These graduates had a 86% employment rate in the counseling field within 180 days of graduating from the program.

Our program has expanded our practicum and internship sites to locations both East and South of the area. We are grateful to have so many counselors who are willing to supervisor future counselors. If you, your school, or agency is able to provide the required supports and would like to be considered as a future site for our students to work under supervision during practicum or internship, please reach out and let us know.

Finally, you may have heard that Dr. Susan Huss passed away in February 2019. This was a loss to both BGSU and the larger counseling community. We have heard from many alumni that Dr. Huss was an important influence and was looked to for consultation and advice by new and seasoned professionals.

Feel free to stop by and say hi if you are ever on campus. We love to hear from our graduates!



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Please be on the lookout for a survey so you can provide input regarding your experiences with our program.

Stay Well,

Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling Program Faculty