



# The UPDATE

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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.**

### Fall Self Care Tips

1. Pumpkin/apple picking
2. Park walking
3. Cooking/baking
4. Hay rides
5. Quiet cup of hot chocolate or apple cider

## Exciting Changes

We hope you are enjoying the beginning of Autumn. We are more than halfway through the fall semester here at Bowling Green State University. As stakeholders in our programs, 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. We conducted a search for new faculty to replace the positions vacated by Drs. Gilfillan and Dufresne. In spring 2022, we welcomed Dr. Lindsay Heckman, on a full-time, temporary contract. A native Ohioan, Dr. Heckman is a licensed professional counselor and a graduate of BGSU's clinical mental health counseling program. She recently earned her PhD in Counselor Education & Supervision from the University of Toledo. We were also successful in filling the school counselor focused full-time tenure track faculty position and are thrilled to welcome Dr. Mariama Sandifer as part of our core faculty. Dr. Sandifer is from New Orleans and earned her masters and doctoral degrees in counseling from the University of Holy Cross New Orleans. Dr. Sandifer is a licensed professional counselor but her professional experience and focus is school counseling. We are currently in the search process for a clinical mental health focused faculty to join us next fall.

# By the Numbers

Fall 2022 we welcomed 15 new students to our programs. This brought the total number of students enrolled in our school counseling program to 34, with 73 students enrolled in the clinical mental health program. Over the past year, we have had 28 students graduate with an MEd (school counseling) or an MA (clinical mental health counseling). When considering the past 4 years, both programs have a median time to graduation of 2.2 years.

From Fall 2021 to Summer 2022, 16 of our then 85 enrolled clinical mental health counseling students graduated, a 19% graduation rate for the year. In Ohio, clinical mental health counseling students take the National Counselor Exam (NCE) for licensure. BGSU students had an 87.5% first-time pass rate on this exam during this time period. Of the graduates who immediately sought counseling positions, 100% were employed in the field within 90 days of graduation.

From Fall 2021 to Summer 2022, 12 of our then 40 enrolled school counseling program students graduated, a 30% graduation rate for the year. In Ohio, school counseling students take the Ohio Educators Assessment (OAE) for licensure. BGSU students had a 83% first-time pass rate. Of the graduates who immediately sought counseling positions, 91% were employed in the field within 180 days of graduation.

Both our programs added several new practicum and internship sites throughout Northwest Ohio. We are grateful to have so many counselors and sites who are willing to supervise and support the development of future counselors. If you, your school, or agency would like to be considered as a future field experience site, please let us know and we can provide information about the requirements.

# 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.

Next time you are on campus, please stop by the fourth floor of the education building and say hello. We love to hear from our graduates!

## College Realignment

BGSU's College of Education and Human Development is in the process of reorganizing, pending BGSU Board of Trustees approval. All our degree programs remain and we will not be moving our physical offices. Rather, we are reconfiguring the structures of the college's schools. We are creating a new school that is comprised of counseling programs, educational leadership, college student personnel, and the cross-cultural and international education programs, among others. As faculty, we are excited about the new synergy and opportunities for collaboration this presents.

