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IUP Counseling Department Newsletter

Dr. Dandeneau is pleased to be back in the Department. While she is happy to be back to teaching and chairing the department, she misses the fine staff at the Graduate School and Research Center. She expects to be back in the fall. Frankly, I knew that I was unprepared for the challenges that were to come. The staff helped me tremendously. I am most grateful to them for all their support.

As for her other activities, Dr. Dandeneau recently became co-chair of the SCI Pine Grove Evaluation Work Group. SCI Pine Grove is a prison for Young Adult Offenders who have been waived to adult court and, subsequently sentenced as adults, to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (PDC). The facility is currently under construction just east of Indiana. The evaluation group will work collaboratively with the PDC to evaluate the programs. As a result of this involvement, Dr. Dandeneau also serves on the joint PDC/IUP Evaluation Steering Committee.

Linda Hood (M.A.) commutes from Ligonier. She graduated from IUP with a degree in Early Childhood Educati

New Counseling Courses

The Counselor and Technology is a class taught by Dr. Dandeneau this fall. The course emphasizes individual learning goals and hands-on computer experience. The class is designed for counseling students who desire developing a basic understanding of computers and a basic level of skill progressing technological advancement. Web page development, utilization of productivity soft-ware, chat room and e-mail proficiency, and Internet searching are a few of the areas covered.

Students develop their own learning goals for the class as stated in a learning contract. The class offers students the opportunity to develop their computer skills, particularly in relation to how computer literacy can be a useful tool for any counselor. Knowledge about Internet searches regarding counseling-related information is shared, as well as information about counseling related listservs, Internet provided counseling services, and career and continuing education. Dr. Dandeneau designed homepage. Look for the address in the Spring 2000 Newsletter or a link will be included including this class in your future coursework, contact Dr. Claire Dandeneau through e-mail at cdanden@grove.iup.edu.

Human Sexuality Counseling is a new course taught by Dr. Guth. This course, offered in the fall semester, provided an overview of the major issues, theories, current research, and treatment implications for the practice of human sexuality counseling. Through many experiential activities students increased their awareness, knowledge, and skills in the area of human sexuality. In addition, excellent guest speakers visited the class to discuss a variety of sexuality issues including birth & breast-feeding; gender identity; gay, lesbian, bisexual, & transgender issues; & sex therapy.

Dr. Guth has clinical training and research experience in human sexuality issues. At Indiana University, she studied with Dr. Alan Bell, a world-renowned sex educator, researcher, and therapist. She also had a sex therapy rotation during her doctoral internship at the University of Tennessee Professional Psychology Internship Consortium.

Counseling Issues for Families is scheduled to be offered by Nadene L'Amoreaux this summer.

Counselor Licensing

The final Licensure Board members have been appointed to the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family & Professional Counselors. The Pennsylvania Alliance of Counseling Professionals (PACP) has prepared suggested regulations for grandparenting and licensing of professional counselors and marriage and family therapists. The suggestions were developed in consultation with leaders of the member organizations of the Alliance and their national counterparts. Drafting of the suggestions began in June of 1999. The suggestions were forwarded to the State Board for consideration as the Board undertakes the task of developing regulations to implement the licensing law. This information was excerpted from the following web site. For more details we recommend you review:

<http://academic.uofs.edu/organization/pca/pacpregs.html>

We will do our best to advise individuals on how to proceed with licensure issues, but the Licensing Board will have the final authority on all licensing decisions. So, though we will be happy to help, the faculty cannot be held accountable for the subsequent decisions of the Board, especially as many procedures are still to be decided. See following article.

License-Only Admission Option

This new Dept. of Counseling admission option was discussed in the May 1999 Newsletter. We want to offer further clarification about this admission status. The License Only option is designed rd c 327.67 319.01 Tm[d7 9hi)8(s)-5igi. In

Upcoming Courses and Workshops

Alumni interested in applying for the License Only option may want to consider enrolling in the following courses, in order to obtain additional graduate credit to meet licensing requirements:

Spring Semester 2000

Diversity Issues in Counseling Wed. 5:20 - 7:50
Career Development Thurs. 5:20 - 7:50
Prof., Ethical & Legal Cons. Mon. 5:20 - 7:50

May 22-26 (9am-5pm) Diversity Issues in Counseling

Proposed Summer Session 1 (June 5 - July 7)

Counselor & Technology Tues. 5-

Alumni Feedback

We want to know what our alumni are doing – professional activities, publications, employment and so forth. We want to update our mailing list, and obtain e-mail addresses. We are interested in knowing about **employment** and internship opportunities for our current students. Please return this form (add additional sheet if needed):

Name _____ Year of Graduation _____ Degree _____

Address _____ Home phone _____

E-mail _____ Work phone _____

Place of Employment _____ Job Title _____

Yes, I am interested in being added to the email list to be notified of counseling position openings.

Reactions:



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