

**Status Report:
MHS in Addictions Studies-Addictions Counseling Concentration**

A RME was submitted in 2011 to add the option of a 60- credit hour Addictions Counseling Concentration to the existing 32 credit hour MHS in Addictions Studies. The Addictions Counseling Concentration curriculum was designed to meet the criteria for the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Examination. Students enrolling into this option take an additional 28 credit hours in specific courses to obtain the competencies to become Licensed Professional Counselors. We began offering this curriculum in Spring of 2012.

Internal and External Demand

Internal demand. Admission data since the program’s inception can be found in Table 1. Admission into the program averages about 5 students per academic year. The majority of admits are female with about one-half representing minorities.

Because completion of the 60 credit hour curriculum does not guarantee approval of a graduate’s application to take the LPC exam, some students have been reluctant to incur the expense of registering for an additional 28 credit hours. However, the Program Coordinator has organized an LPC application package to facilitate approval to sit for the examination. She also has worked closely with the Illinois Financial and Professional Regulation (IFPR) to ensure that they understand our curriculum. Additionally, the program is seeking accreditation through the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Program accreditation will ensure that graduates are eligible to take the LPC exam.

Table 1. Admission Data: MHS in Addictions Studies- Addictions Counseling Concentration

Year	Number of Students Admitted	Number of Female	Number of Minorities
AY’2011-2012	5	5 (100%)	2 (40%)
AY’2012-2013	4	3 (75%)	2 (50%)
AY’2013-2014	6	5 (83%)	3 (60%)
AY’2014-2015	2	1 (50%)	1 (50%)
AY’2015-2016	6	6 (100%)	2 (33%)

Source: Governors State University, Department of Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health Enrollment Data.

As can be seen in Table 2, there has been a steady increase in the number of students who are enrolled in the Addictions Counseling Concentration across the past three years. Each year, student enrollment has doubled from 3 to 6 to 12 students.

Table 2. Three-Year Enrollment Data: MHS in Addictions Studies-Addictions Counseling Concentration.

Year	Number of Students Enrolled
Fall 2014	3
Fall 2015	6
Fall 2016	12

Source: Governors State University, Institutional Research and Effectiveness, Final Enrollment Data.

As can be seen in Table 3, the total number of degrees awarded from the Addictions Counseling Concentration since its inception 12, with an average of 3 degrees per academic year. Of these graduates, 100% were women and 50% were minorities.

Table 3. Degrees Awarded: MHS in Addictions Studies-Addictions Counseling Concentration.

Year	Number of Degrees Awarded	Number of Degrees Awarded to Minorities	Number of Degrees Awarded to Women
AY'12-13	2	1 (50%)	2(100%)
AY'13-14	3	1 (33%)	3 (100%)
AY'14-15	4	3(75%)	4(100%)
AY'15-16	3	1(33%)	3 (100%)

Source: Governors State University Profile of Academic Majors, Fall 2016 Overview by Academic Majors.

As can be seen in Table 4, the Licensed Professional Counselor pass rate for 6 graduates who attempted to take the exam is 83%.

Table 4. Licensure and Job Outcomes of Graduates (2012 to Present)

Total Number of Graduates	LPC Exam Results	Job Placement
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 passed LPC exam • 1 retaking LPC exam • 3 preparing to take LPC exam • 2 awaiting approval of application • 1 unknown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 employed • 2 unknown

