Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
April 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Nomenclature Change for an Existing Major: Mental Health Counseling to Clinical Mental Health Counseling

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve nomenclature change for an existing major from Mental Health Counseling to Clinical Mental Health Counseling effective fall 2013. The degree conferred will remain the Master of Arts (M.A.).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FGCU is authorized to offer master’s level programs under Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code 13.1101, Counselor Education. Currently, these programs are offered as the M.A. with majors in Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling and the Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a major in School Counseling.

FGCU is requesting permission to change the name of the existing Mental Health Counseling major to Clinical Mental Health Counseling effective fall 2013. The degree conferred will remain the M.A.

The proposed name more accurately reflects the future of the profession and is consistent with the nomenclature used by Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The current CACREP standards require existing community counseling and mental health counseling programs to transition to clinical mental health counseling prior to reaccreditation review. FGCU’s counseling programs are scheduled for reaccreditation review in 2013.

The curriculum and nomenclature change were approved by the college curriculum team and subsequently approved by the university-wide Graduate Curriculum Team on January 15, 2013. The program remains consistent with Florida Board of Governors Regulation 8.011 Authorization of New Academic Programs and Other Curricular Offerings.
Supporting Documentation Included: N/A

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