### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING MS IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING MS IN SCHOOL COUNSELING



# WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY COUNSELING

We offer state-of-the-art technology, facilities and researched-based training practices for master's level professional counselors seeking an MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling or an MS in School Counseling.

### PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Practicum and internships placements begin in the second semester of coursework. These practical experiences are intended to combine coursework with field experience conducted in a setting as similar as possible to that in which you will be seeking employment. The nature of this experience should be very much like that of a regular counseling position, but with intensive supervision both on-site and on-campus. Practicum and internship sites and supervisors play a pivotal role in helping you begin the transition into your professional identity.

### **EXCELLENT FACULTY**

The Counseling Department has an outstanding, caring, and accessible faculty composed of individuals who are extensively qualified as instructors and have impressive experience in the field to give you a well-rounded, practical educational experience.

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### **LICENSURE**

Upon graduation you will be prepared to become a licensed professional counselor (LPC) by taking the National Counseling Examination (NCE) or a certified school counselor by obtaining a Professional Educator License (PEL).

As a CACREP-accredited program, students take the NCE exam while in their final year of study, allowing them to graduate from EIU as licensed professional counselors.

### FIRST CHOICE STATUS

EIU recognizes the M.S. in Counseling as a program that meets the highest standards of scholarly excellence as documented through sustained achievement.

### **RESEARCH**

Research is an important aspect of the program, with an aim for students to display advanced scholarship through their research. Each student in the Counseling program takes a Research Methods course designed to introduce you to qualitative and quantitative methods of research.

### JOB PLACEMENT

Whether it's getting a professional job, a teaching job, or going on to a Ph.D. program, our students have been very successful after they graduate. Building on significant theoretical and methodological commitment, the graduate program provides the background necessary to be successful in numerous communication-oriented careers. With a strong focus on fostering students' writing, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, we are dedicated to the success of our students in the program and beyond.



### **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Graduate assistantships are available within the department as well as campus-wide. Students in the Counseling and Higher Education Department are employed in a variety of departments across campus as well as off-campus locations referred to as external graduate assistantships.

### **PAUL WARD SCHOLARSHIP**

Professor Paul Ward left a generous endowment to the department which allows us to offer all newly admitted full-time students a scholarship ranging from \$2000-\$4000.