

**PROGRAM REVISION AND PROPOSED NAME CHANGE**  
**Master's in Counseling/Counselor Education Community Track**

**Rationale for the program/action:**

The current MSEd in Counseling/Counselor Education Community-Track is a 48 hour master's degree. In recent years many states have moved to requiring a 60 credit hour degree for licensure eligibility. In fact, 34 states require 60 credit hours for licensure either as a licensed mental health counselor (LMCH) or licensed professional counselor (LPC). It is anticipated that soon more states will have this requirement. Therefore, we are requesting a program revision to change the requirement from 48 credits to 60 credits. Consequently, the master's in Counseling/Counselor Education-Community Track will be replaced by this revision and students will only be admitted to the 60 credit hour master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Many students have already been taking the 60 credit hours of coursework as the Indiana licensing board requires 60 semester credit hours for licensure in Indiana as an LMHC. Therefore, the additional courses have been offered by the counseling program on a regular basis and the additional credit hours do not require any new courses.

We are also requesting a program name change to Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. This name change is necessary due to changes in state and federal regulations concerning insurance billing and reimbursement. These changes require that the degree name on students' official transcripts include "mental health counseling" terminology.

The following table is a side-by-side comparison of the 48 credit hour requirements and the 60 credit hour course plan.

48 hour requirements	60 hour requirements
G502 Professional Orientation and Ethics	G502 Professional Orientation and Ethics
G505 Individual Appraisal: Principles and Procedures	G505 Individual Appraisal: Principles and Procedures
G510 Introduction to Alcohol and Drug Counseling	G510 Introduction to Alcohol and Drug Counseling
G522 Counseling Theories	G522 Counseling Theories
G523 Laboratory in Counseling and Guidance	G523 Laboratory in Counseling and Guidance
G524 Practicum in Counseling	G524 Practicum in Counseling
G532 Introduction to Group Counseling	G532 Introduction to Group Counseling
G550 Internship in Counseling (6 credits)	G550 Internship in Counseling (6 credits)
G552 Career Counseling: Theory/Practice	G552 Career Counseling: Theory/Practice
G563 Mental Health Counseling	G563 Mental Health Counseling
G575 Multicultural Counseling	G575 Multicultural Counseling
G598 Seminar in Professional Issues	
P514 Life Span Development	P514 Life Span Development
Y520 Strategies for Educational Inquiry	Y520 Strategies for Educational Inquiry
Non-G Elective	Non-G Elective
	G567 Marriage and Family Counseling
	G615 Psychopathology and Advanced Diagnosis
	G647 Advanced Internship in Counseling

	P624 Biology of Behavior
	G or Non-G Elective

**Cost, support for program, and quality of program:**

The program itself does not change substantially. No new courses need to be developed. The additional courses required to constitute the 60 credit hour program are all existing courses that are offered on a regular basis. Therefore no new faculty are required and existing faculty with appropriate subject matter expertise are teaching these classes. These proposed changes align the IUB program in mental health counseling with similar programs throughout the nation. Also it is critical that these changes be made in order to comply with licensure and third party payer requirements.