

## **MPCAC Annual Report Jan 2016-June 17**

### **Background**

Encouraged by the proceedings of two national conferences on master's Psychology curriculum in 1990 and 1994, MPAC (then known as IBAMPP) developed and implemented a voluntary accreditation process for applied masters programs in Psychology in 1995. MPAC adopted the training standards developed by the Council of Applied Masters Programs in Psychology (CAMPP) and refined at these two national conferences. In 1997, MPAC accredited its first program.

In 2009, MPAC began the process of expanding its accreditation process to include counseling programs from the field of Psychology and Education. In 2010, the Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC) was established. MPCAC was an integrated body comprised of two separate accreditation committees, the Masters in Psychology Accreditation Committee (MPAC), and the Masters in Counseling Accreditation Committee (MCAC). MPCAC served as the accrediting body, acting upon recommendations from the separate committees. The two separate Committees, MPAC and MCAC, were responsible for reviewing applicant programs to consider their eligibility for accreditation, either as Psychology or Counseling programs. Both Committees followed agreed-upon accreditation policies and procedures, as documented in the MPCAC Accreditation Manual.

In 2016, MPCAC carefully considered professional trends as well as feedback received from stakeholders. In the spirit of remaining attuned to the needs of its constituents and promote excellence of masters-level training in counseling and psychological services, MPCAC proceeded to refine its mission, scope, and objectives, as well as to revise its standards. As of June 30, 2017, MPAC and MCAC ceased to operate, and MPCAC stands as a unified Board overseeing a new single set of standards. MPCAC's website, [www.MPCACaccreditation.org](http://www.MPCACaccreditation.org), contains the most recent accreditation manual, the updated list of accredited programs, and a list of MPCAC board members.

### **Current Status and Update**

#### Standards Review and Update

As noted in the MPCAC Accreditation Manual, MPCAC reviews its standards and procedures at least every seven years. The MCAC standards were established in 2011; therefore, in 2015, MPCAC began the standards revision process with the aim of responding to the need to become a more unified organization with a more precise scope and mission. The MPAC and MCAC academic standards were combined into a draft of one set of standards that retained many of the distinctive features of each set and emphasized the common underpinnings of science based education and culturally responsive mental health services.

After an initial series of town-hall meetings with representatives from MPCAC's accredited programs, two additional drafts of the new standards were sent to all accredited programs via email in early 2016. A final draft was then posted for public comment in summer 2016, and disseminated across the country to all relevant stakeholders (e.g., professional organizations, institutions, licensing boards) via listservs and e-mailing lists. The feedback received was overwhelmingly in support of the standards as written;

however, constituents also offered helpful suggestions mostly about needed clarifications. MPCAC integrated the feedback and announced its final new 2017 standards in November 2016.

All accredited programs have been asked to come into compliance with these new standards. Programs are required to submit a detailed plan on how they will meet the new standards by Dec. 31, 2017, and to submit proof that the new standards have been met by Dec. 31, 2018. Institutions that were already in the process of being reviewed when the new standards were published and have not been yet accredited, will be asked to submit a plan on how they will meet the new standards within 6 months of the accreditation decision, and to implement the plan within a year after that. All self-studies received after June 1, 2017 will be reviewed under the new standards.

#### Application for CHEA Recognition

CHEA has been revising its standards and has placed a moratorium on new pre-applications. The moratorium was initially set to end in early 2017, but it is still in progress and CHEA has made no public statement on when it will end. MPCAC is poised to submit its pre-application as soon as feasible and continues to work closely with our consultant, Susan Zlotlow. In the meantime, MPCAC is preparing to become a member of Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) and be recognized as an accredited body by them.

#### Fee Structure

In order to ensure financial viability and continuity of income, the program application fee has been set at \$2,000. In addition, each accredited degree program will pay a yearly maintenance fee of \$300.00.

Degree programs must continue to submit an interim report upon the fourth and eighth year of their accreditation period to address any stipulations in the accreditation report and update the Council on other major changes affecting the program.

#### Annual Reporting Requirements

In 2016-2017, MPCAC moved toward an annual reporting structure as is common for many CHEA recognized bodies. The yearly report is in addition to the interim reports and includes metrics such as number of applications, number of students enrolled, number of faculty members (including gender, race/ethnicity), retention rates, number of graduates, and alumni information. Accredited programs received the annual reporting survey by email in June 2017 and are required to report data by September 2017.

#### Board Membership

In June 2016, MCAC welcomed Riddhi Sandil to the MCAC Board. Dr. Sandil is the Coordinator of the Ed.M. Program in Counseling Psychology at Teacher College, Columbia University, in New York City. MPAC welcomed Chloe Moushey. Ms. Moushey is a crisis intervention counselor in Indianapolis and a graduate of a MPAC accredited program. At the end of June 2017, 2 MPAC Board members (Jeannette Hanna and Janet Smith) and 2 MCAC Board members (Theodore Burnes and Nancy Murdock) left their respective committee boards as the committees were phased out and a new single MPCAC Board was created.

In May 2017, the remaining 11 members of the MPAC and MCAC Board were nominated and elected to form the founding Board under the new MPCAC structure: Eleonora Bartoli, Joan Duer, Nadya Fouad,

Mark Kenney, Chloe Moushey, Mike Murtagh, Riddhi Sandil, Jane Stafford, Chris Walter, Sabina Widner, Brooks Wright. At the end of June 2017, a vote was taken to confirm the officers of the new MPCAC Board: Eleonora Bartoli (Chair), Chloe Moushey (Secretary), Mark Kenney (Associate Chair of Information Management), Sabina Widner (Associate Chair of Accreditation), Brooks Wright (Treasurer).

### **Current Status of Accreditations**

As of June, 2017, 25 applied masters programs from a total of 24 universities were accredited by MPCAC under the MPAC standards. In 2016-17, 1 program was reaccredited and 2 programs were newly accredited under the MPAC standards. Under the MCAC standards, 21 counseling programs from 16 universities were accredited by MPCAC as of June, 2017. In 2016-17, 7 programs were newly accredited under the MCAC standards. It is the Council's policy not to identify programs in the process of applying for accreditation, or pending accreditation decisions. Accredited programs are listed below.

#### Alphabetic Listing of MPCAC Accredited Programs as of June 30, 2017

##### [Arcadia University](#)

M. A. in Counseling / Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Glenside, Pennsylvania 19038-3295  
Accreditation: Aug 2011 – Aug 2021

##### [Augusta University](#)

M.S. in Psychology, Clinical Track  
Augusta, Georgia 30904  
Accreditation: Sept 2005 – Sept 2017

##### [Boston College](#)

M.A. in Mental Health Counseling  
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467  
Accreditation: Mar 2017 – Mar 2027

##### [Boston College](#)

M.A. in School Counseling  
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467  
Accreditation: Mar 2017 – Mar 2027

##### [Brenau University](#)

M.S. in Clinical Counseling Psychology  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501  
Accreditation: Feb 2017 – Feb 2027

##### [Bridgewater State University](#)

M. A. in Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02325  
Accreditation: Feb 2015 – Feb 2019

[Chatham University](#)

M.S. in Counseling Psychology  
Counseling Psychology Department  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232  
Accreditation: Apr 2017 – Apr 2019

[Clayton State University](#)

M.S. in Clinical/Counseling Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Morrow, Georgia 30260  
Accreditation: Dec 2016 – Dec 2020

[College of Staten Island, City University of New York](#)

M.A. in Mental Health Counseling  
Department of Psychology  
Staten Island, New York 10314  
Accreditation: Aug 2016 – Aug 2021

[Columbia University, Teachers College](#)

Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology  
Counseling and Clinical Psychology Department  
New York, New York 10027  
Accreditation: Feb 2016 – Feb 2026

[Eastern University](#)

M.A. in Clinical Counseling  
Counseling Psychology Department  
St. Davids, Pennsylvania 19087-3696  
Accreditation: Aug 2014 – Aug 2024

[Eastern University](#)

M.A. in School Counseling  
Counseling Psychology Department  
St. Davids, Pennsylvania 19087-3696  
Accreditation: Aug 2014 – Aug 2024

[Felician College](#)

M.A. in Counseling Psychology  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Lodi, New Jersey 07644  
Accreditation: Jun 2014 – Jun 2018

[Fordham University](#)

M.A. in Pastoral Counseling  
Department of Pastoral Counseling & Spiritual Care  
Bronx, New York 10458  
Accreditation: May 2017 – May 2019

[Fordham University](#)

M.S.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling  
Psychological and Educational Services  
New York, New York 10023  
Accreditation: Jan 2015 – Jan 2020

[Fordham University](#)

M.S.Ed. in School Counseling  
Psychological and Educational Services  
New York, New York 10023  
Accreditation: Jan 2015 – Jan 2020

[Francis Marion University](#)

M. S. in Applied Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Florence, South Carolina 29501-0547  
Accreditation: Feb 2008 – Feb 2018

[Frostburg State University](#)

M. S. in Counseling Psychology  
Psychology Department  
Frostburg, Maryland 21532  
Accreditation: Mar 2008 – Mar 2018

[Hawaii Pacific University](#)

M.A. Program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Department of Psychology  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Accreditation: Sept 2015 – Sept 2025

[Lehigh University](#)

M.Ed in Counseling and Human Services  
Department of Education and Human Services  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18015  
Accreditation: Aug 2014 – Aug 2024

[Midwestern State University](#)

M.A. Program in Clinical and Counseling Psychology  
Wichita Falls, Texas 76308  
Accreditation: Jun 2012 – Jun 2017

[Morehead State University](#)

M.S. Program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351  
Accreditation: Apr 2011 – April 2021

[Murray State University](#)

Masters Degree Program in Clinical Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Murray, Kentucky 42071  
Accreditation: Apr 2014 – Apr 2024

[New Mexico Highlands University](#)

M.S. Program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701  
Accreditation: Nov 2011 – Nov 2021

[New York University](#)

M.A. in Counseling for Mental Health and Wellness  
Department of Applied Psychology  
New York, New York 10012  
Accreditation: Jan 2015 – Jan 2025

[New York University](#)

M.A. in Counseling and Guidance  
Department of Applied Psychology  
New York, New York 10012  
Accreditation: Jan 2015 – Jan 2025

[Pittsburg State University](#)

M. S. in Psychology (Clinical Emphasis)  
Department of Psychology and Counseling  
Pittsburg, Kansas 66762  
Accreditation: Aug 2007 – Aug 2018

[Saint Martin's University](#)

M.A. in Counseling Psychology  
College of Education and Counseling Psychology  
Lacey, Washington 98503  
Accreditation: Sept 2015 – Sept 2020

[Texas A&M University – Commerce](#)

M.A. or M.S. in Applied Psychology  
Department of Psychology and Special Education  
East Texas Station  
Commerce, Texas 75429-3011  
Accreditation: Apr 2008 – Apr 2018

[The Citadel](#)

M. A. in Clinical Counseling  
Department of Psychology  
Charleston, South Carolina 29409  
Accreditation: Jun 2012 – Jun 2022

[The Sage Colleges](#)

M.A. in Community Psychology  
Graduate Programs in Psychology  
Troy, New York 12180  
Accreditation: Aug 2010 – Aug 2020

[The Sage Colleges](#)

M.A. in Counseling and Community Psychology  
Graduate Programs in Psychology  
Troy, New York 12180  
Accreditation: Aug 2010 – Aug 2020

[Towson University](#)

M.A. in Psychology, Counseling Psychology Concentration  
Department of Psychology  
Towson, Maryland 21252  
Accreditation: Feb 2016 – Feb 2026

[University at Albany](#)

M.S. in Mental Health Counseling  
Division of Counseling Psychology  
Albany, New York 12222  
Accreditation: Sept 2013 – Sept 2023

[University of Central Oklahoma](#)

M.A. in Counseling Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034  
Accreditation: Feb 2017 – Feb 2021

[University of Dayton](#)

M. A. in Clinical Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Dayton, Ohio 45469-1430  
Accreditation: Feb 2008 – Feb 2018

[University of Hawaii at Hilo](#)

M.A. Program in Counseling Psychology (Mental Health Counseling Specialization)  
Department of Psychology  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Accreditation: Mar 2011 – Mar 2021

[University of Indianapolis](#)

M.A. in Clinical Psychology Program  
School of Psychological Sciences  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227  
Accreditation: Jul 2015 – Jul 2025

[University of Massachusetts Boston](#)

M.S. in Mental Health Counseling  
Department of Counseling and School Psychology  
Boston, Massachusetts 02125-3393  
Accreditation: Sept 2013 – Sept 2023

[University of Massachusetts Boston](#)

M.Ed in School Counseling  
Department of Counseling and School Psychology  
Boston, Massachusetts 02125-3393  
Accreditation: Sept 2013 – Sept 2023

[University of Missouri-Kansas City](#)

Master of Arts in Counseling and Guidance  
School of Education  
Kansas City, Missouri 64110  
Accreditation: Feb 2014 – Feb 2024

[University of South Carolina Aiken](#)

Master's Degree in Applied Clinical Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Aiken, South Carolina 29801  
Accreditation: Sept 2014 – Sept 2024

[University of West Florida](#)

M. A. in Counseling Psychology  
Department of Psychology  
Pensacola, Florida 32514-5751  
Accreditation: Jan 2013 – Jan 2023

[University of Wisconsin Milwaukee](#)

M.S. in Counseling  
Educational Psychology  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211  
Accreditation: Jan 2014 – Jan 2018

[Western Illinois University](#)

M.S. in Clinical/Community Mental Health  
Department of Psychology  
Macomb, Illinois 61455-1390  
Accreditation: Apr 2007 – Aug 2017

[William Paterson University](#)

M.A. in Clinical and Counseling Psychology Program  
Department of Psychology  
Wayne, New Jersey 07470-2103  
Accreditation: Jul 2015 – Jul 2025

## **Financial Status**

MPCAC is an independent, self-sustaining, non-profit organization. Council Members and the Executive Director serve on a volunteer basis without remuneration. MPCAC's operating budget is fully financed by accreditation fees. As of June, 2017 the balance was \$67,784.

## **2016-17 Committee and Council Membership**

### MPCAC

Eleonora Bartoli, Chair, MCAC member

Joan Duer, MPAC member

Nadya Fouad, MCAC member

Jeanette Hanna, MPAC member

Mark Kenney, Secretary, MCAC member

Jane Stafford, MPAC member

Sabina Widner, Past Chair, MPAC member

Brooks Wright, Public Member & Treasurer

Patricia O'Connor continued her service as Executive Director

### MCAC

Eleonora Bartoli, Chair

Theodore Burnes

Nadya Fouad

Mark Kenney

Nancy Murdock

Riddhi Sandil

Christopher Walter

### MPAC

Joan Duer, Chair

Jeanette Hanna

Chloe Moushey, Secretary

Michael Murtagh

Janet Smith

Jane Stafford

Sabina Widner

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia O'Connor, Ph.D.  
MPCAC Executive Director

Eleonora Bartoli, Ph.D.  
MPCAC Chair

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