

Professional Counseling End of Fall 2014 Newsletter

Congratulations to our Fall 2014 Graduates!



Hooping Ceremony

Join us in honoring our 2014 graduates at this special ceremony!

Friday, December 12,
2014

Reeve Memorial Union
202 6 P.M.

Reminder

The department office will be closed December 17th, 2014 through January 5th, 2015. As a result, applications and other semester materials will not be available to pick up during this time. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 5th, 2015.

The Department of Professional Counseling, along with all of the Professional Counseling students would like to congratulate all of the December graduates! WAY TO GO!! We wish you all the very best with your future endeavors! Our journey together was full of excitement and challenges, and your future looks very bright! You have made the department and the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh very PROUD!

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

CONGRATULATIONS FALL 2014 GRADUATES!

Gabrielle Albers

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Jennifer Collette

School Counseling

Amanda Draxler

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Stephanie Ferguson

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Cassandra Fischer

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kathleen Glick

Community Counseling

Taylor Herrman

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Sarah Kasten

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Kathryn Keefe-Neilson

Community Counseling

Marisa Leisten

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Ashley Reinke

Clinical Mental Health Counseling



Practicum and Internship Applications

Just a quick reminder that ALL practicum and internship applications and revisions **MUST** be UNCONDITIONALLY APPROVED NO later than **DECEMBER 12th, 2014.**

Wisconsin School Counseling Association Annual Conference

School Counseling Students, make your plans to attend the 2015 WSCA Annual Conference to be held:



February 17-19, 2015 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison WI.

The theme of this year's conference is celebrating 50 years of commitment to excellence! A lot has changed in 50 years, especially our collective ability to speak "data." We use evidence-based practices and data to guide programming. The WSCA Board of Directors has created a strategic plan with a strong focus on helping school counselors harness the power of data in our school counseling programs.

Important Information for Summer 2014 Cohort

Students who will be taking Practicum in the Fall 2015 semester **must** have their six counseling sessions completed by the end of the Spring 2015 semester.

If you have not completed these sessions yet, please stop by the department office (N/E 001) **after** Winter Break to schedule your appointments.

Professor for a Day

For more than 40 years, the COEHS has sponsored Professor for a Day. The program honors alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession by giving them a day to interact with UW Oshkosh students who are presently enrolled in programs of preparation in teacher education, counseling and human services.

The program is supported through a trust fund at the UW Oshkosh Foundation. COEHS Dean Fred Yeo, UW Oshkosh Provost Lane Earns and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Petra Roter welcomed Lutz, Weiss and guests to a Nov. 5 awards and recognition luncheon, marking their Professor For a Day honors.

Professional Counseling and Literacy and Language Department chairs also recognized both women's dedication to the UW Oshkosh programs that helped launch their careers.

Two University of Wisconsin Oshkosh alumni who have given students unparalleled opportunities to grow in professional counseling internships and have helped K-12 teachers develop and pass along a passion for writing and literacy to their students earned the opportunity to serve as "Professors For a Day" on Nov. 5.



The UW Oshkosh College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) recognized Ellen J. Lutz, a counseling mentor for UW Oshkosh students at the Outagamie County Justice Center

UW Oshkosh Professional Counseling department chair Alan Saginak praised Lutz's nearly 50 years in her field. She received both her bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies and her master's degree in Community Counseling from UW Oshkosh.

For the last several years, she has been providing supervision for practicum and internship students

from area universities and community counselors required to complete 3,000 hours for licensure. Lutz said the most rewarding part of her job is in "connecting incarcerated clients to well prepared, passionate and professional counselors at all stages of their development."

Saginak also thanked her for the role-modeling she provided him during classroom visits.

"I would think, 'Well, Ellen's coming, and that's going to really help me,' as I was learning how to teach in a University setting," Saginak said.

"I've always enjoyed to share with people and those classes all the opportunities," said Lutz, whose nearly 50-year career has involved service at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Sheltered Activity Center, Sexual Assault Crisis Center and Outagamie County Offenders Services.

UWO Professional Counseling Students Traveling to Malaysia in January

In January 2015, eleven Professional Counseling students will be traveling to Malaysia for two weeks with Dr. Kelli Saginak for a course entitled, PRFL CNSL 724– Exploring Culture & Spirituality in Malaysia. The purpose of this course is to explore and experience first-hand the mental health, disability, and educational issues, and culture and spirituality throughout Malaysian society.

While in Malaysia students will be provided with a rich cultural experience amid the dynamic culture, history, and spirituality of contemporary Malaysia, while plunging students into political, social, environmental, and larger global issues. A substantial portion of the experience will involve serving the children at Nur Salam Chow Kit Children’s Center by providing play, sand tray, and other developmentally appropriate services. Additionally, students will visit spiritual mosques and temples, and other cultural and historical sites.

The following Professional Counseling students will be making this journey to Malaysia:

Rosemary Burns	Heidi Paessler
Erica Harbath	Jillian Rotzenberg
Emmy Marvin	Sarah Stanzek
Ashley Miller	Maci Wallace
Megan Millot	Lindsey White
Katie Nechodom	





Have a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday Break

The time between semesters provides you with an opportunity to take a step back from the demanding pace of the semester schedule.

Remember, self-care is important! Take some time over this Holiday season to rejuvenate yourself. Spend time with family and friends, travel, explore a creative passion, learn new ideas, develop a new skill, or delve into an extracurricular passion.

Whatever your decision, we hope that you will use this period in ways that are beneficial to you!

Enjoy the Holiday Season and New Year!

