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Dear Clinical Psychology Master's Students:

Recently we have made a few changes in the curriculum of Argosy's Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology program in attempts to streamline the curriculum with the current PsyD curriculum. All new MACL students starting in or after fall of 2010 will be required to complete the new curriculum. However, all MACL students who entered the program prior to fall 2010 will have the option to choose either the new curriculum or the former curriculum. To help with your decision, I am enclosing a side-by-side comparison of the new and old curricula in a table format. You will notice that the new curriculum has the same number of credit hours (50) as the old curriculum; however, some courses have been removed or added.

Many course offerings have remained the same, as you will see within the comparison of the two programs. However, many of the specific courses prescribed by the old curriculum have been replaced with the option for students to take elective courses that meet their individual needs.

One major change to note is that the new curriculum does not have a comprehensive exam requirement as part of the curriculum. The comprehensive exam has been replaced with a capstone experience in which students will enroll in a one (1) credit hour course wherein they will develop a portfolio that will allow students to synthesize their performance and experiences within the master's program. The portfolio will include both scholarly and personal reflection components that illustrate personal and professional growth and development within the program. The portfolio will evaluate the student's competency levels as they relate to personal development, theoretical knowledge, clinical conceptualization ability, and scientific understanding as it relates to clinical work.

In addition, it is important to note that many of the courses that have been removed from the new curriculum are courses that are currently required to satisfy the state licensing requirements for licensure at the master's level. **Students who choose the new curriculum will not meet the requirements to sit for the licensure exam at the conclusion of the program.** However, students who choose to follow the new curriculum, who also wish to meet the requirements for licensure, can use their electives accordingly and take some additional courses to meet the licensing requirements.

**Regardless of which curriculum you choose, please be aware of the following information; all students who have not yet taken Research and Program Evaluation (whether or not you choose the new curriculum or stay with the current curriculum)**



**will take Statistics to fulfill the research requirement for the MA degree. This change will be effective fall semester 2010.**

Depending on your educational and career plans, you will choose either to complete your degree under the current program or move to the new curriculum. If you are planning on terminating your education at Argosy University after completion of your MA degree, I strongly urge you to stay with the old curriculum, as the new curriculum will not help to complete all of the requirements for Illinois licensure at the master's level. If you are planning on applying to the PsyD program at Argosy, I suggest you move to the new curriculum, as a greater number of credits will transfer from the new MA program to the PsyD program than from the current curriculum.

I ask that you please complete the attached "curriculum declaration" form and return it to Toni Johnson (Clinical Psychology Department Administrator) by September 15, 2010. This will ensure that you are enrolled in whichever curriculum you choose. Although you have until September 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the form, I would appreciate if you would take time to think about this and complete the forms earlier if possible. In addition, I encourage you to discuss this decision and plan your curriculum with your advisor to ensure that the courses you prefer will be available.

I welcome your comments and questions. Please first discuss your decision with your advisor, if you have additional questions; please feel free to contact me by email at [afroerer@argosy.edu](mailto:afroerer@argosy.edu) or by phone at 312-77-7709.

Regards,

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Current Curriculum		New Curriculum	
Course #	Course Name and (credit hours)	Course #	Course Name and (credit hours)
PP7320	Health and Human Dysfunction I (3)	PP7320	Health and Human Dysfunction I (3)
PP7321	Health and Human Dysfunction 11 (3)	PP7321	Health and Human Dysfunction 11 (3)
PP7365	Clinical Interviewing (3)	PP7365	Clinical Interviewing (3)
PP7020	Child and Adolescent Dev (3)	PP7020	Child and Adolescent Dev (3)
PP8470	Adult Dev and Aging (3)	PP8470	Adult Dev and Aging (3)
PP8185	Social Psychology and Difference (3)	PP8185	Social Psychology and Difference (3)
PP7080	Personal and Professional Dev (2)	PP7080	Personal and Professional Dev (2)
PP7110	Professionalization Group (2)	PP7110	Professionalization Group (2)
	Intervention Elective (3)		Intervention Elective (3) - I
	Assessment Elective (3)		Intervention Elective (3) - II
PP7100	Professional Issues: Ethics, Conduct, and Law (3)	PP7100	Professional Issues: Ethics, Conduct, and Law (3)
PP8050	Family and Couples Therapy (3)		Assessment Elective (3) - I
PP6350	Group Theory (1)		Assessment Elective (3) - II
PP6202	Master's Practicum (3)	PP6201	Master's Practicum (3)
PP6202	Master's Practicum (3)	PP6202	Master's Practicum (3)
PP6025	Research and Program Evaluation (3)	PP7202	Statistics (3)
PP7349	Career Assessment and Counseling (3)		General Elective (3)
PP8650	Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse (3)	PP7499	Portfolio Submission (1)
PP6350	Group Theory (1)		
	<b>Total credits: 50</b>		<b>Total credits: 50</b>