



Welcome to our first Counselor Education Program Newsletter! The Counselor Education Program has had an exciting year, we are growing and are excited to share what we have been up to, with an inaugural newsletter. Our Counselor Education Alumni Network is up and running and held its first event. We awarded our first Counselor Education scholarship this year and had our first fundraising event this fall. In August we had our second annual New Student Orientation & All Cohorts Retreat as well as our first Chi Sigma Sigma Lobby Day. Student Counseling Society (SCS) and Chi Sigma Sigma (ΧΣΣ) have been active with events, ΧΣΣ held two fundraising events and SCS kicked off our fall with the welcome event and wrapped up our semester with the Winter Mixer. In November, we had our Practicum Orientation as we celebrate our second years on this milestone as they will begin fieldwork. Our Community Advisory Board held its fall meeting, our next CAB meeting is February and we have open positions, if interested or to learn more, please email us at coe-counselored@csus.edu. This year we welcomed Eden Cotter as our Fieldwork Student Worker, for fieldwork questions, email us at coe-counseloredfieldwork@csus.edu.



Support our Counselor Education Program!
 Scholarship and program funds provide support to our Counselors-in-Training.

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Certificates

Our program has developed two certificates: Play Therapy and School Mental Health. Both will be offered through the Center for Continuing Education (CCE).

The Play Therapy Certificate is aligned with the Association for Play Therapy to support the requirements for the Registered Play Therapist (RPT) certificate.

The School Mental Health Certificate is a collaborative project with the School Psychology program to support trauma-informed and wellness interventions to support mental health in schools by providing training systemically to all classified and certificated professionals.

Legislative Advocacy

Our program, campus, and CSU system supported a bill AB 656: Doctoral Programs which would allow the CSU system to offer applied doctoral programs. With the support of our College of Education Dean Sidorkin and Counselor Education Program Coordinator Dr. Rivas; the CSUS Counselor Education program worked with our sister CSU campuses as well as the California Association for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (CALPCC) to advocate for this legislation to help support the creation of a doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision.

Our Chi Sigma Sigma (ΧΣΣ) chapter of Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) supported a letter drive and lobby day at the California state capital, coordinated by Cierra Fischer Chair of our Chi Sigma Sigma Legislative and Advocacy Committee.



Doctoral Program in Counselor Education and Supervision

Our Counselor Education program is ready to begin the proposal to create an Ed.D in Counselor Education and Supervision. With the support of AB 656, California will see its first CES doctorate offered by the state system. We are excited to be able to keep our graduates in state by providing this opportunity. More info to come!

[Learn more about AB 656](#)

Center for Counseling & Diagnostic Services

Our Center has been growing! CCDS provides Counseling and Psychotherapeutic services to the Sacramento community, as well as supporting the Well in working with Sac State students mental health needs. This last year, our Center saw approximately 800 clients from both the Sacramento community as well as current students. Fall 2023, we partnered with the Health Advisory Council for a service oriented partnership and referral source which includes the Mexican Consulate Midtown Church, and the Iranian-American Cultural Center. We are looking forward to fostering these partnerships, providing bilingual and culturally appropriate counseling to meet the larger needs of our community.



Connect with us: ccds@csus.edu



Alumni Network

Our Counselor Education Alumni Network is officially launched! We had our first event during the 2023 Counselor Education Spring Symposium. This fall 2023, our Alumni Network planning committee was created and held its first official event.

Tyler Geike and Maribel Betancourt are our alumni liaisons to the CSUS Alumni Association. The planning committee includes Tyler Geike, Louis Gonzalez, Rene Nevarez, Maribel Betancourt, and Dr. Bitia Rivas (L to R, picture above). Our Fall 2023 event was a great success! Picture below. Join us February 9, 2024 for the next Counselor Education Spring Symposium, as the Alumni Network has a mixer planned for Friday evening.



Calling all alumni!
 Connect with us at counselor-ed.alumni@csus.edu and follow us on Instagram @sacstatecounseloralumni



Program Spotlights



WACES Awards

Congratulations to Dr. HyunGyung Joo for being awarded the Western Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Outstanding Leadership Award at the WACES business meeting during the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) national conference 2023.

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 Instagram: @sacstatecounselored

Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients: Hogun Lee, Ismael Ramirez, Heather Prizmich, Josie Poarch, Juliette David, Megan Carmazzi, and Jamie Bolander.

[Visit Scholarships](#)



Counselor Education Leadership

Meet our Program Coordinators

Program: Dr. Bitia Rivas
 Assessment & Accreditation: Dr. Ebony Williams
 Fieldwork: Dr. Anthony Rivas
 Clinic (CCDS): Dr. Rachael Marshall

Upcoming Events

February 9, 2024: Counselor Education Symposium RSVP [here](#)

- 9am-2pm workshops
- 12-1pm lunch & awards* ceremony
- 2-4pm Site Fair
- 4-9pm Alumni Mixer



February 10, 2024: Chi Sigma Sigma Induction & Research Symposium 9am-130pm

February 16, 2024: Counselor Education Interview Day

May 11, 2024: Counselor Education Program Graduation

*Each Symposium we hold awards:

2023 Counselor Education Program Supervisor of the Year: Anna Esparza

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