

March 11, 2022

Dear Clinical Mental Health Counseling students,

The CMHC program in which you are enrolled is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Last fall we submitted an Interim Report to CACREP in support of continued accreditation. We are very pleased to announce that our CACREP accreditation has been extended through March 31, 2024!

As CMHC Program Leader and CACREP Liaison, Dr. Brenda Ross, along with core CMHC faculty Dr. Dan Bishop, did excellent work with the Herculean task of responding to twelve separate areas that needed to be addressed for continued accreditation. Of those, CACREP found three areas of continued concern: two related to the number of full time, core faculty, and one related to program assessment. We are already addressing those through two separate full-time faculty searches to support our counseling programs and through engagement with Concordia University Chicago's Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness to build more robust assessment.

We are confident that these last few areas will be effectively addressed in our next report to CACREP in fall 2023. The CACREP Board will meet in January 2024 to review that report, which will result in continued accreditation through October 21, 2027 or denial of continued accreditation. We look forward to continued partnership with CACREP to make our CMHC program robust and our graduates proud.

If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to contact Dr. Ross or me. Thank-you for the privilege of helping you prepare for vocations of service to our community.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eli V. Hestermann', written in a cursive style.

Eli V. Hestermann, Ph.D.

Dean of the College of Health, Science & Technology