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The DePaul Counseling Program prepares reflective practitioners grounded in the foundational principles of the counseling profession: to enhance quality of life in society, to promote respect for human dignity and to support diversity. Deeply rooted in the Vincentian values of Justice, Service and Leadership, the program is dedicated to inspiring a new generation of social entrepreneurs for cultural, political, and economic advancement. DePaul counseling students gain skills and real-life professional experience in evidence-based practices. Graduates are prepared for dynamic careers in schools, universities and the community.

Counseling Program Objectives

Program Objective 1: Graduates will demonstrate knowledge about the counseling profession's foundational principles and stay current with the trends and changes of the professional practice of counseling.

Program Objective 2: Graduates will be cognizant of how social systems and policies impact underrepresented, marginalized, and oppressed groups and when deemed necessary incorporate multicultural and advocacy skills in their professional practice.

Program Objective 3: Graduates will demonstrate knowledge on theories of human growth and development across the life span.

Program Objective 4: Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of career theories and apply career counseling skills for helping clients and students to make academic and/or career-related decisions.

Program Objective 5: Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of theory and skills and apply those theories and skills when providing individual counseling services with clients and/or students.

Program Objective 6: Graduates will gain knowledge of group counseling theories for facilitating group dynamics and effectively demonstrate group counseling work in their professional practice.

Program Objective 7: Graduates will gain knowledge of and demonstrate appropriate skills for providing assessment and testing in counseling.

Program Objective 8: Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of evidence-based practices and develop skills for research and program evaluation.

Program Objective 9: Graduates of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling specialty area will

offer a full spectrum of counseling services including clinical assessment, diagnostic impressions, therapeutic decisions, treatment planning and interventions, and crisis management.

Program Objective 10: Graduates of the School Counseling specialty area will implement a comprehensive developmental school counseling program that is driven by data for promoting and enhancing the academic, career, and social/emotional development of PK-12 students.