

**To: Provost of the University**  
**From: SUNY Oswego,**  
**Re: Revision of Mental Health Counseling Program**

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**Program Name:** Mental Health Counseling (MHC)  
**Award:** Master's of Science Degree  
**Program Code:**  
**Leads to:** New York State Licensure Qualifying

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**Description of Change:** The Mental Health Counseling Program, housed within the Counseling and Psychological Services Department at the State University of New York at Oswego, currently requires graduates to complete 48 graduate credit hours, including a 6 credit hour, 600 hour internship. The proposed changes will now require candidates to complete 60 graduate credit hours, including a 6 credit, 600 hour internship, for program completion. Specific changes include the addition of two newly required courses and 12 rather than 6 credit hours of elective study.

**Rational for Program Revision:** It is critical that those entering the Mental Health Counseling field be highly trained individuals, including ample opportunities for field study experiences. Consistent with this belief, the State Education Department has mandated that all licensure qualifying programs require 60 graduate credit hours for completion of a Master's Degree by the year 2010. The changes included in this program revision proposal are designed to meet this mandate. The changes also reflect the department's desire to increase coursework/skill training in two areas that are felt to be highly valuable to those who are entering the Mental Health field.