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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)

SUBMITTED BY:

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PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Clinical-Community Psychology
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	PhD

A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

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The revised program requirements include a more intensive clinical practicum sequence that will double the number of clinical practicum credit hours (from six to 12) and actual client contact hours completed by graduates. Additional curriculum revisions were necessary to offset the increased workload due to this change. Specifically, the program has dropped PSY 601 (3 credits) as a requirement and has reduced the minimum number of credit hours in community practicum work from six to three. Neither the overall number of credits to complete the program nor any other required aspects of the program have changed.

In addition to the program requirements changes, a few additional revisions were made to the catalog copy for the program, necessitated in part by changes that were requested by curriculum review panels at UAF. Minor changes were also made to better clarify procedures for advancement to candidacy and application for advancement to internship.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

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PH.D. DEGREE

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(Underline new wording ~~strike through old wording~~ and use complete catalog format)

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D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

These changes will increase the need for faculty clinical supervision and decrease the need for community supervision. No additional classroom space is needed; only more scheduled hours in the Psychology department Clinic will be required.

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

*What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)*

As students increase their hours in the Psychology Department Clinic, the access the Counseling Program in the School of Education has to the clinic could potentially be impacted. DCT (Dr. Chris Brems) has discussed this with the Director of the Counseling Program (Dr. Allan Morotti) on September 9, 2010.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

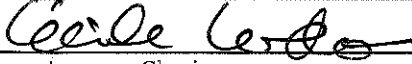
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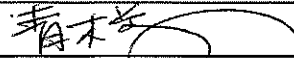
JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED


The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

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APPROVALS:

	Date	9/14/10
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:		

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Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:		CLA

	Date	11-3-10
Signature, Dean, College/School of:		CLA

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee		

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6. *Clinical-Community Competency*: Clinical-community competency is demonstrated through preparation of a clinical-community portfolio that will be evaluated by an ad hoc committee. Criteria for the portfolio will be clearly defined and samples will be provided for students. Students must demonstrate clinical-community competency before actually starting the Predoctoral Internship.

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8. *Advancement to Candidacy*: Before students are allowed to register for dissertation credits, they will be reviewed for performance by the joint UAA/UAF Ph.D. committee, using existing university standards and forms for advancement to candidacy. Review will be based on faculty experience with students to date, submitted paperwork and student progress through the program. Feedback from the review will be provided to the student by her or his advisor. The program defines the comprehensive exam as being met through the passing of the required competency portfolios. **All portfolios** must be passed for the comprehensive exam to be fully passed. Passing one portfolio qualifies the student for a conditional pass on the comprehensive exam, which is sufficient for advancement to candidacy.

9. *Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Defense*: Before commencing data collection for a dissertation project, students must defend their proposal to their dissertation committee. The defense must be based on a written dissertation proposal to be distributed to the dissertation committee after approval by the dissertation chair. The defense will be an oral presentation to the committee by the student and will not be a public meeting. For data-collection based dissertations, the proposal must also be approved by the UAA or UAF Institutional Review Board before data collection can commence.

10. *Doctoral Dissertation*: A doctoral dissertation must be carried out successfully and approved by a doctoral dissertation committee. The dissertation committee will consist of at least four members. It is recommended that the dissertation chair be on the same campus as the student. There must be at least one committee member from each psychology department at UAA and UAF. Content areas can vary widely, but must be related to clinical, community, or cross-cultural issues and applicable in Alaska settings.

11. Advancement to Internship: Students must apply to the local Director of Clinical Training (DCT), by September 30 (the fall semester prior to the year during which the student seeks to complete the internship) stating their intent to Advance to Internship. For most students this will mean that the application needs to be made in the fall of their third year in the program. The DCT will notify the core faculty committee, who will review the students' course work, and ensure that adequate progress has been made toward all prior milestones (i.e., clinical-community competency, doctoral dissertation outline (the outline must be completed, submitted, and approved by the Chair), and advancement to candidacy) before approving the student for internship and before writing a letter of support for the student. Students must fully pass the Clinical-Community Portfolio before actually starting Internship. Failure to pass the Clinical-Community Portfolio results in the student not being eligible to enroll in internship credits.

12. Predoctoral Internship: A full-time, one-year predoctoral internship is required. This internship should meet the criteria laid out by the American Psychological Association; selection of an Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC)-approved internship is encouraged. Placements in Alaska are preferred, but not required.

13. APA Ethical Guidelines: Strict compliance with APA Ethical Guidelines is required throughout participation in the degree program. Violations can result in immediate dismissal from the program and failure to graduate. Completion of an annual Disclosure Statement is also required. Affirmative answers may result in dismissal from the program and failure to graduate. The Disclosure Statement may be viewed at <http://psyphd.alaska.edu>.