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Subject: FW: information on career prospects for counselors
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 2:05:21 PM
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Hi Brian:

We got this information from the career center at Stockton. I can definitely discuss at the meeting next week, but thought you might want to see for yourself. This definitely reflects a need in New Jersey and an opportunity for Stockton students to flourish with a MA in Counseling.

Best,
Sara

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Subject: RE: information on career prospects for counselors

Zornitsa,

I've compiled some information below to answer your questions. Hope it helps as you're exploring this!

Thanks,

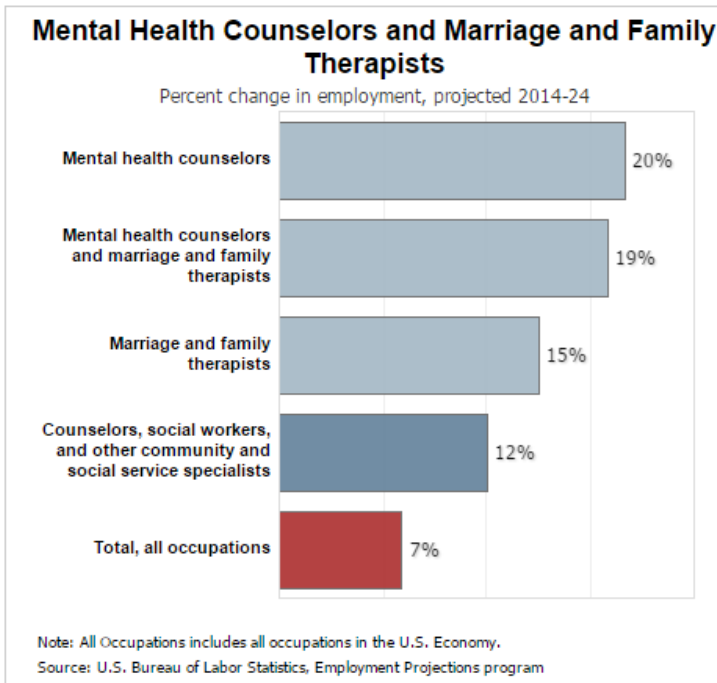
Jacob

1. What is the current outlook of the job market for masters level counselors?

National:

Quick Facts: Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists	
2015 Median Pay ?	\$43,190 per year \$20.77 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education ?	Master's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation ?	None
On-the-job Training ?	Internship/residency
Number of Jobs, 2014 ?	168,200
Job Outlook, 2014-24 ?	19% (Much faster than average)
Employment Change, 2014-24 ?	31,400

Source: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/mental-health-counselors-and-marriage-and-family-therapists.htm>



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Outlook in New Jersey:

State and National Trends

United States	Employment		Percent Change	Projected Annual Job Openings ¹
	2014	2024		
Mental Health Counselors	134,500	160,900	+20%	5,450
New Jersey	Employment		Percent Change	Projected Annual Job Openings ¹
	2014	2024		
Mental Health Counselors	4,860	5,710	+18%	190

¹Projected Annual Job Openings refers to the average annual job openings due to growth and net replacement.

[https://www.careerinfonet.org/occ_rep.asp?](https://www.careerinfonet.org/occ_rep.asp?next=occ_rep&level=&optstatus=111111111&jobfam=21&id=1&nodeid=2&soccode=211014&menuMode=&stfips=34&x=52&y=9)

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2. Is there a need for licensed MA counselors at the national level? In NJ? In South NJ?

National:

As you can see in the charts above, yes, there is a need for licensed MA counselor at the national level, as the field is going to grow by 20% and hiring is going to have to increase to meet this demand.

New Jersey:

Also, the job outlook in NJ is at +18%, which is well above average, and again indicates a need for counselors to meet this demand.

The Educational and health services industry sector, which mental health counselors fall into, is the sector with the highest projected employment growth in the state of NJ (see slide 12: http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/employ/indoccpj/14-24_ind-occ_projections_sp.pdf)

All of the data that is available indicates a definitive growth in the field and a need for licensed MA counselors.

3. Is it feasible to offer an MA program in Counseling Psychology at Stockton based on national and local job trends? In other words, is there going to be need/are there going to be jobs for our proposed MA in counseling psychology graduates based on the current job outlook for masters level counselors?

Based on the information outlined above, yes it would be feasible to offer an MA program in Counseling Psychology, because there is going to be demand in the field and job opportunities for counseling psychology graduates. NOTE: It would be extremely preferable that this program would have CACREP accreditation as this streamlines the licensure process and would significantly increase the hire ability of our graduates, especially in government positions. See the basic requirements of this position posting: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/460344000/> "A master's degree in mental health counseling, or a related field, **from a program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)**" This requirement is standard across the board for counselor positions in government, as well as many other non-government agencies.

Sources:

BLS.gov/ooh

Bls.gov/oes

Careerinfonet.org

Lwd.dol.state.nj.us

From: Kalibatseva, Zornitsa

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Hi Jacob and Christy,

Happy New Year! Great to hear from you! We would really appreciate your help and it would be great to have the information by **Friday, 1/13**. The Psychology program is primarily interested in the following:

What is the current outlook of the job market for masters level counselors? Is there a need for licensed MA counselors at the national level? In NJ? In South NJ? Is it feasible to offer an MA program in Counseling Psychology at Stockton based on national and local job trends? In other words, is there going to be need/are there going to be jobs for our proposed MA in counseling psychology graduates based on the current job outlook for masters level counselors?

I am copying Sara and Christine on this email in case there is anything else that I have omitted about the information we need – please chime in!

Let us know if you have any questions and I'd be happy to meet in person next week if it would help to clarify the questions. Thank you for your help!

Best,
Zori

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Hey all!

Zornitsa, welcome back! I vaguely remember us talking about how the timeline has changed for when you need the information. Is that true? When is the deadline?

Christy and I have small pockets of overlapping availability, and I'm out the second half of next week. So I'm thinking it'd be easier to discuss via email. I know you need "some information on the job market for counselors." Can you be more specific?

We'll dig around and get the info back to you by the deadline you give us.

Thanks,

Jacob

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Your reminder was sent to "[Kalibatseva, Zornitsa](#)" and "[Cunningham, Christy](#)".

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On Dec 14, 2016, at 12:56PM EST you originally sent the below email to "Kalibatseva, Zornitsa" and "Cunningham, Christy". 3weeks@fut.io was cc'ed:

Let's just push it back until the week of Jan 9th. I know that's cutting it close, but it shouldn't be terribly difficult for us to assemble these resources for you on our end. It's better that we're all there, I think.

I'll set a reminder for all of us to follow up on this in about 3 weeks, and we can arrange the meeting at that time.

Thanks,

Jacob

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Great, thank you so much, Jacob! Unfortunately, I am traveling abroad leaving this weekend and won't be back until January 3. I could meet this Friday, 12/16, but I see Christy won't be here. If Christine is available next week you can meet without me and I can chime in via email. Or we can plan to meet during the week of January 9. Let me know what sounds best. I really appreciate your willingness to help us!

Best,
Zori

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Hi Zori!

Christy is out right now, but I'm confident that I can speak on her behalf to say that yes, we absolutely would love to help you out with that.

I've looked through my calendar and Christy's. Below are some time slots where we are both available next week. Let me know when you and Christine are also available during those times, and we can we up a meeting here in the Career Center.

We're looking forward to helping you!

Jacob

December 20th – 10am-12pm, 1pm-4pm
December 21st – 9am-12pm, 3pm-4pm
December 22nd – 10:30am-12pm, - 2pm-4pm

From: Kalibatseva, Zornitsa
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Hi Christy and Jacob,

Christine and I are looking for help from the Career Center to put together some information on job market for counselors. We would like to use this information to discuss feasibility for a MA program in Counseling Psychology at Stockton.

Jacob, I thought you did a phenomenal job when you came to my Abnormal Psych class earlier this semester and you pointed students to websites where they could get data on job outlook and career prospects for specific professions. Would you and Christy be willing to help us? Let us know if you would like to meet or discuss via email. We need to have the information compiled by Friday, 1/13. Thank you.

Best,
Zori

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