

# Community + Trauma Counseling Program

## THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY

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**MEMO:** Public Notice and Call for Commenting Period

**ATTENTION:** Community and Trauma Counseling Program Stakeholders

**FROM:** CTC Program Director, Dr. Kirby Wycoff and CTC Faculty + Staff

**DATE:** October 14, 2020

**HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

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The Community and Trauma Counseling Program in the College of Health Professionals at Thomas Jefferson University is inviting stakeholders to comment on recently developed documents that outline our guiding philosophies in our graduate training program. As CTC seeks national accreditation as a premier counselor education program, it is important that we engage our stakeholders (students, alumni, faculty, staff, community partners, supervisors and more) in key aspects of our program development and evaluation process. This is why we are reaching out to you!

In March 2020, the CTC program submitted an application for accreditation with CACREP, the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. CACREP accredits master's and doctoral degree programs in counseling and related specialties that are offered by colleges and universities throughout the world. In May 2020, we received positive feedback from CACREP that included an invitation to submit an addendum to our initial report and continue in the program accreditation process. This invitation to submit an addendum indicates that we were invited to be considered for the next stage of the evaluation process and we are excited by this opportunity!

In response to CACREP's feedback from May 2020, the CTC program has used the last six months to rigorously evaluate our program. In reviewing the feedback from CACREP, we recognized the opportunity to strengthen multiple aspects of our program. The detailed peer-

review from our colleagues at CACREP provided us with a rich analysis from which we could take clear and practical steps moving forward. One of the most impactful pieces of feedback

from CACREP was the fact that we needed to do a better job of articulating and documenting all of the incredible things that we already do. We were commended for our innovative approaches to counselor education. Our trauma-informed approach to counselor education is unique and visionary. But we also have the opportunity to more closely align our language with our practice, and ensure that the foundation of the program was stable and strong.



With humility, we recognize that there was room to grow. As we prepare for re-submissions with CACREP, we have re-worked our founding principles to more clearly align with one another and CACREP expectations. The core of who we are remains. We have not re-created our program's foundation, nor have we strayed from the original vision of our founders. **What we have done, however, is more clearly articulate and document who we are and how we do what we do.** We are confident that these efforts reflect not only a broad programmatic improvement, but also our clear and steadfast commitment to meeting the highest standard of excellence in the counseling field.

CTC is deeply committed to stakeholder participation in the building of our program. At our core, the CTC program is dedicated to serving our community – and we want to hear from you. Through an ongoing stakeholder consultation process, we are seeking input from interested stakeholders, including yourselves. **Please take the time to review the “Fall 2020 CTC Program Report” and complete the feedback survey after you have reviewed it.** The public commenting period ends on November 1, 2020. Thank you in advance for your time and energy!

Please click here to review the report: [Fall 2020 CTC Program Report](#)

Please click here to complete a feedback survey:  
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