

Request for Graduate Non-Curricular Changes

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL NON-CURRICULAR CHANGE REQUESTS (changes in admission requirements or requirements for graduation, changes in or new policies/procedures, changes in program descriptions in catalog, general language changes in catalog.)

SIGNATURES may not be required, depending on the nature of the request and from where it originates. Consult Graduate Council chair.

1. Prepare one paper copy with all signatures and supporting material and forward to the Graduate Council Chair.
2. E-mail one PDF copy without signatures to the Graduate Council Chair.
3. **The Graduate Council cannot process this application until it has received both the PDF copy and the signed hard copy.**

College: COEPD

Dept/Division: Counseling

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Rationale
for Request

(May attach
separate page
if needed)

COUN 686 Traumatic Stress and Suffering provides students with best clinical practices for treating the most serious and troubling aspects of traumatic stress – those elements that do not resolve with traditional solution-focused approaches. The course is added to the Violence Loss and Trauma Graduate Certificate to deepen and strengthen the informed preparation of our students to respond effectively, ethically, and compassionately in worst case scenarios.

Signatures: if disapproved at any level, do not sign. Return to previous signer with recommendation attached.

NOTE: all requests may not require all signatures.

Department/Division Chair _____	Date _____
Registrar _____	Date _____
College Curriculum Committee Chair _____ (or Dean if no college curriculum committee)	Date _____
Graduate Council Chair _____	Date _____

NOTE: please complete information required on the following pages before obtaining signatures above.

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1. Current Catalog Description (if applicable): Please insert the catalog description from the current catalog for entries you would like to change. (May attach separate page if needed)

From Certificate Description, pp. 101-102

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Course Requirements (15 hours)

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COUN 654 An Ecological Approach to Domestic Violence*

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COUN 683 Psychophysiology of Trauma

COUN 684 Advanced Techniques in Treatment of Trauma and Loss³

*Required for the certificate.

From Course Listings, Page 228

684 Advanced Techniques in Treatment of Trauma and Loss. 3 hrs.

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691 Internship in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. CR/NC. 3 - 9 hrs.

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2. Edits to current description: Attach a PDF copy of the current catalog description prepared in MS WORD with strikethroughs to mark proposed deletions and use the highlight function to indicate proposed new text.

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3. New Catalog Description: Provide a "clean" copy of your proposed description without strikethroughs or highlighting. This should be what you are proposing for the new description. (May attach separate page if needed)

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Please insert in the text box below your proposed change information for the Graduate Council agenda. Please enter the information exactly in this way (including headings):

Type of change request:

Department:

Degree program:

Effective date (*Fall/Spring/Summer, Year*)

Course Addition
Counseling
Graduate Certificate in Violence Loss and Trauma
Fall 2016