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To the Members of the FAU Department of Counselor Education Community:

Welcome back to the Summer Semester. It often feels like the work doesn't end and one semester rolls right into another! This is especially true between Spring and Summer semester when the "time off" seems so short! As you may know, we are working hard this summer to respond to the report from our CACREP site visit this past Spring. We will hear this decision in July about re-accreditation and I will keep you updated as we get more information.

Today, I am writing you to share some changes to the department and to the schedule that the faculty have been working on for the last year, and that we hope will make planning out your course sequence easier and less problematic. We recognized—over a year ago—that between the loss of faculty, the closure of campuses, and the constraints on offering courses (due to the budget issues) made our old rotation obsolete. In addition, we recognized that many courses that people needed would often conflict and be held on the same night and time. Finally, we understood that some people were having to come to campus 3 separate evenings. So after much collaboration, and deliberation, this Spring the faculty voted to offer a new rotation of courses. This rotation has been crafted with the old rotation in mind, so students should be compatible with plans of study already in the works.

This rotation also comes into effect with another change in the Clinical Mental Health Program. Beginning in Fall, 2013, the CHMC program will be a "cohort" model, with students taking their courses together throughout their time at FAU. One of the strongest features that we have noticed are the bonds that are created between and amongst students as they go through the program together. These bonds often continue long after graduation! We hope that this will facilitate this even more with the new cohort model.

In the attached rotation for 2013-14, through the Summer semester. In this rotation, you will see that each day is dedicated to a different "type" of course. Mondays will be devoted to Core and Ph.D. courses. Tuesday will be for Specialty courses, Wednesdays will be for Specialty and Field Courses, Thursdays will be for Field Courses, and Fridays will be for Ph.D. Courses. In addition, the Saturday and On-line courses are also listed.

In addition, you will see that there are color codes at the bottom to guide you more easily. The so-called "Rotation A" courses will be for the CMHC cohort, but there are additional seats for other students to be able to take it again. Each of the core courses will be offered twice a year ("Rotation A" and "Rotation B"),

and all of the required courses will be offered in the course of one academic year. You will also see that for each day of the week, that there will be at least two classes, and we plan to schedule them so that they won't overlap in their times. This should minimize the conflicts.

For students in Jupiter and Davie, some of these courses may be offered on other campuses—either live from the partner campus (and videoconferenced to Boca), or live from Boca (and videoconferenced to a partner campus). This will be based on availability of faculty *and* videoconferencing availability. This is why each semester, just before registration, the department will be sending out a survey to students about the courses that you plan to register for and which campus you would prefer to take it. If we know ahead of time how many students are interested in taking a course on a partner campus, then we can plan accordingly.

So we hope that this is a step forward and in the right direction. This rotation is our best attempt to provide some certainty. However, this may need to be adjusted as circumstances arise. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at ppeluso@fau.edu or 561-297-3602. I hope you have a pleasant semester, and I will see you around the department.

Sincerely yours,

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