

Reviewer #1

It is a nicely done proposal. They want to meet LMHC requirements, which is a good plan and is critical for their graduates to compete for jobs and to be able to obtain third party payments for their services. I have no objections to the proposal content on pedagogical grounds. The courses are the ones that one would expect and the distribution and timing look reasonable. In terms of need for the program, there may be some issue with overlap with the MS offered at IUPUI in Education, because they also attempt to meet LMHC requirements for their grads. However, I only raise this as a possibility.

For me the critical problem issue is resources. I don't think they have enough FT faculty to do this—none are clinical or counseling psych. They will instead try to do this with adjunct faculty. This could be tricky to do. I am worried that there is no FT faculty with clear expertise in the area—no one who is a clinician. Who will be director of training? Who will coordinate practica? This is a very difficult and time consuming job, especially if it is done by a part-time person. This is my main concern. The training program itself looks adequate.

Program Response: The issue of FT faculty is dealt with in the proposal on pages 9 and 10; see below. New faculty also appear in the budget.

b. New faculty positions required: The faculty listed above provide instruction for the undergraduate program leading to the B.A. and B.S. degrees in Psychology. We expect that four or five of these faculty members will teach courses in the graduate program in Counseling Psychology. We estimate the instruction provided by these faculty members will be equal to one-half FTE. In order to provide required graduate courses, we will need to hire two full-time faculty members in the first year and increase the total to four by the third year. Each will have a doctoral degree in clinical or counseling psychology or a related field and licensure to practice in Indiana. Each will teach five or six courses per year, one of which may be in the undergraduate program. The faculty will also provide counseling services in a Counseling Center to be developed and/or conduct research. The administration of IUPUC is committed to developing a Counseling Center that will meet the needs of IUPUC students and link students and faculty in the Masters in Counseling Program with the broader community through research and service. Appropriate resources will be identified and made available to create and run the Center once the program is established.