IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

ATTENTION:

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE COUNSELING PROGRAM

Current Program Requirements for Licensure:

Historically, Prairie View A&M University has offered a 36 hours Master’s degree in Counseling. However, the state of Texas requires 48 credit hours to be eligible to take the License Professional Counselor (LPC) Examination. Prairie View’s response to the 48 credit hours requirement was to add the 12 credit hours as a post-degree option. The current practice is the completion of the 36 credit hour degree program and the 12 additional hours to meet current state requirements.

NEW Change in State Counseling Licensure Requirements:

The state of Texas has proposed an amendment to increase the required program credit hours to 60 credit hours which will go into effective on August 1, 2017.

Impact on Current Students in the Counseling Program:

Beginning August 1, 2017, any student enrolled in a Counseling program at a university in the state of Texas with the desire to take the National Counselor Examination to become a Licensed Professional Counselor must have graduated from a program that is comprised of at least 60 credit hours. Currently our Master’s degree program is 36 credit hours and we encourage students seeking the LPC to take the additional 12 credit hours to meet the current state requirement of 48 credit hours. To meet the new state requirement of 60 credit hours, we have decided that it would be best to temporarily suspend all new admissions to the Counseling Program for 18 months to redesign the curriculum to better serve our students. All currently enrolled students will be able to continue in the program to complete the requirements for the Master’s degree. No new students will be admitted to the Counseling Program beginning September 1, 2016.