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Dear Faculty,

Greetings! As the program coordinator for Penn State Behrend’s psychology graduate program, I am writing to share information about our Master of Arts in Applied Clinical Psychology. It is a 48-credit, research-based degree with practical applications and employment flexibility. A Penn State graduate degree in clinical psychology is attractive to employers and doctoral programs alike and offers more opportunity than a degree solely focused on counseling. Preparation for the Licensed Professional Counselor certification is available. Our graduates also pursue doctoral study, adult instruction, research, and mental-health administration.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook (2019), employment of psychologists is expected to grow 14% through 2026, which is a stronger growth rate than the average of all occupations. In this field, job prospects will be most promising for applied specialty positions.

Our Master of Arts in Applied Clinical Psychology program subscribes to the scientist-practitioner model and offers a broad training program in empirically-supported principles of clinical psychology. Our students receive rigorous training in research methodology, design, and application—excellent preparation for further doctoral study or employment as a mental health professional in a variety of settings. When accompanied by an additional 12 credits in psychology and/or counseling coursework, our program provides the training necessary for a graduate to apply for master’s level licensing as a Professional Counselor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We are accepting applications for the Fall 2019 semester until May 15, 2019. If you or someone you know might be interested in our program, please visit our website for more information, or contact me by phone (814-898-6936) or email (wjb172@psu.edu).

Sincerely,

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