

USU School Counselor Education Program Newsletter

The Official Newsletter of USU's Only Psychology Master's Program



Student Advisory Board: Coming soon

Have a voice in the program

We are looking for student representatives from all cohorts and broadcast locations to be part of a student panel. The ideal candidate will be able to commit to a monthly meeting and will come prepared to collaborate with our director and other stakeholders within the program.

Objectives include (1) supporting communication between program faculty, instructors, and staff on a monthly basis; (2) encouraging collaboration and community between students within the school counseling program and program representatives; (3) ensuring voices are acknowledged and respected by all parties relating to changes, areas for growth, and successes within the program; and (4) maintaining open communication about the program and support ideas from various identities.

If you feel that you would be a good fit, please fill out this interest form:



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Mentor Program

Getting it off the ground

Dr. Koltz has big visions for the future of the peer mentoring program. The debut of our mentoring partnerships was last fall, and we are confident it can grow to be an even bigger asset to students in our program and beyond!



We want your feedback!

Did you participate in the initial launch of the mentorship in Fall 2021? Please let us know your feelings in this brief survey.

Help Build Our Program

Do you know any prospective students? Please invite them to attend our Open House on Tuesday March 22 at 5:00 PM (via Zoom) to learn more about the program. We request advance registration for this meeting [here](#).

Listserv Emails

You may have noticed that you have been added to a listserv for program announcements. Watch for these emails periodically, as staff will send out pertinent information and opportunities from USU and beyond.

Director's Message

“STUDENTS AND COLLEAGUES OF THE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM, I AM EXCITED TO BE HERE IN THE ROLE OF DIRECTOR OF SUCH A WELL-ESTABLISHED PROGRAM AT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO COLLABORATING WITH YOU ALL IN VARIOUS MODALITIES, TO SUPPORT STUDENT GROWTH AND THE GROWTH OF THE PROGRAM.

IN MY SPARE TIME YOU WILL SEE ME RUNNING WITH MY DOG, CADENCE, OR BIKING WITH MY FIANCÉ, DAVE ON THE WONDERFUL TRAILS HERE IN LOGAN AND AROUND NORTHERN UTAH. WE ALSO HAVE A CAT WHOSE NAME IS STORMIE, AND WE RECENTLY BROUGHT A PUPPY INTO OUR LIVES, FIONA. SHE WILL BE SIX MONTHS OLD IN FEBRUARY AND HAS BEEN QUITE THE LIVELY ADDITION TO OUR FAMILY!

AS WE MOVE INTO THE SPRING 2022 SEMESTER, DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO ME TO SCHEDULE A TIME TO MEET, VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON. I AM EXCITED TO GET TO KNOW YOU! IF YOU'D LIKE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH ME, PLEASE CHECK OUT MY AVAILABILITY [HERE](#). ”



Student Spotlight



Jennifer Brown Madsen
Brigham City; 2021 Cohort

Jennifer is the new Graduate Assistant for our program. She moved from Salt Lake to Brigham City 8 years ago, and loves the small town atmosphere and the beauty of the area.

As a dance mom and avid sports fan, her favorite moments are cheering on family or her favorite teams as they compete. She is energized this semester, enjoying the expertise of Kim Herrera and Tori Gillett as they teach the inner workings of the profession. She is currently working in a high school, and plans to stay at the secondary level upon graduation.

Opportunities

Research Study

Dilian Rolins at the University of Central Florida invites you to participate in an online research study investigating school counselors' awareness, attitudes, and self-efficacy towards twice exceptionalities. Approximately 15-20 minutes of your time. Open to counselors or students in their second year of a school counselor preparation program.

If you would like additional information, please follow the link [HERE](#).

Webinar: Mastering the Essentials of APA Style (7th Edition)

Please see below, a 2-hour, web-based training, from Heartful Editor that will provide an overview of the essential guidelines in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA, 7th Edition) in addition to helpful tips and strategies for editing.

Mastering the Essentials of APA Style will be offered every week, on Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm Pacific, from January 25th to June 7th, 2022. Webinars are limited to 500 participants per session and fill up quickly. Advanced registration is required. To register, or for more information, please visit www.heartfuleditor.com/training

Internship and Practicum Opportunity in Cache Valley

Kelli Garrison, the school counselor at Sunrise Elementary (Cache School District) in Smithfield, has reached out to Dr. Koltz to express interest in having an intern as well as a practicum student for the 2022-23 school year. If you are interested, please contact Kellie Garrison directly at kellie.garrison@ccsdut.org.

Register now for the USU Student Research Symposium

Registration is now open for the Student Research Symposium, USU's premier student showcase of research and creative works! This year, SRS will provide both online and in-person formats for all graduate and undergraduate presenters to share research with a broad audience from the campus community and beyond. Research and creative projects are welcomed to be shared as posters, videos, exhibitions, oral presentations, or performances during Research Week held April 12-13. It is a great opportunity to celebrate your hard work and share your passions! To present your work at the 2022 Student Research Symposium, make sure to register before February 15, 2022. [Fill out the registration form here](#), and we look forward to seeing the amazing work being done by USU students this year!