

USU's M.Ed. in School Counseling Program Newsletter

The Official Newsletter of USU's M.Ed. in School Counseling Program



Congrats, Class of 2023!

We enjoyed celebrating the School Counseling Program's recent graduates at the CEHS commencement and hooding ceremony May 5th! Please enjoy reflections from our 2020 Kaysville cohort below.

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I am grateful for the experiences and knowledge I gained through the USU School Counseling program. The program provided instruction and experiences that prepared me for the field. Now that I am working as a school counselor, I routinely use all the skills I gained throughout my time in the program. I am also grateful for the friendships I made throughout my 2.5 years. I can still reach out to my cohort and know I will receive wise advice. Our cohort has some great memories of baby showers, laughter, and I will never forget Matt's acting skills! I am excited for my next chapter at Mountain Crest High School. I also get to do what I love and coach volleyball for my school!

Megan Cooper

DR. JESSICA KOLTZ, DIRECTOR
KELLI PALMA, M.ED., PRACTICUM-INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR
MEG CAMPBELL, M.ED., PROGRAM COORDINATOR



I absolutely loved being a part of the school counseling program! Starting a master's program during a worldwide pandemic is something I'll never forget! I learned a lot about myself and what I want my future to look like. I made some great friends along the way and was given amazing opportunities through my practicum and internship. Thank you to my Logan Humans who supported me and helped through the entire program. I'm excited to see what the future holds!

Hannah Hartzell

Here's to 3 years of 6 hour lectures, late nights of homework and endless readings, raiding the Kaysville campus vending machines, hours and hours of practicum and internship, group projects and discussions, inspiring professors, and finally an amazing and supportive cohort. This program has taught me not only the art of "fake it till you make it," but the importance of getting outside your comfort zone, creating a network, and that I truly can do hard things. I am excited to put my education and experiences to work and continue my career as a High School Counselor in the Salt Lake Area.

Haley Louisot



I have truly enjoyed getting to know the students in this graduating cohort. They have helped me grow as an educator, supported the program with fruitful ideas, and have contributed to service opportunities in meaningful ways. I wish all of our 2023 graduates happiness and continued learning throughout their careers as a school counselor!

Dr. Jessie Koltz

I would like to congratulate everyone for an amazing accomplishment! Completing a master's program comes with its own unique challenges, but throwing a worldwide pandemic into the mix puts the experience in a whole new league! And you've all come out of it as newly hooded master's degree holders. I wish you the best as you move into roles as school counselors or whatever other paths you may take!

Kelli Palma, M.Ed.

Praxis Exam Update



The School Counselor Praxis Exam is required for graduation and licensure. There are currently two versions of the exam accepted by USBE: 5421 and 5422. Before September 1, 2023 students may register for and complete either exam. After September 1st, the 5422 version is required. Our program's Praxis Preparation Canvas course currently reflects the Praxis 5421 and ASCA 3rd edition content. Students presently participating in the prep course should be sure to review the *ASCA 3rd vs. 4th Edition* information, explaining key differences between exams. (Content is fairly similar and students will still benefit from working through the course regardless of which exam they choose to take.) Program Coordinator Meg Campbell will be updating the Praxis Prep course this summer to reflect the new Praxis 5422 material. Please contact Meg at meg.campbell@usu.edu with any questions about the Praxis Prep course!

Become an ASCA Certified School Counselor

Check out this opportunity to become an [ASCA-Certified School Counselor!](#)

ACSC applications are accepted twice per year: Jan. 15 (awarded in May) and June 15 (awarded in September).

Our program graduates would pursue Eligibility Pathway 1: Pass the Praxis within the last 10 years > Complete your ACSC portfolio > Apply for certification



Program News

- **Dr. Taewon Kim** will be joining the Department of Psychology this fall as an assistant professor. Dr. Kim will join Dr. Jessica Koltz as the second core faculty member of USU's MEd in School Counseling program. We look forward to introducing Dr. Kim in our September newsletter!
- Program Staff Changes Effective June 1, 2023:
 - **Meg Campbell** has joined the program as a full time staff member. Meg is now the Program Coordinator.
 - **Kelli Palma** has transitioned to a new role. Kelli is now the Practicum-Internship Coordinator.
- Our School Counseling Program Stakeholder Committee met April 28, 2023. Highlights include:
 - Program updates from Kelli Palma and Dr. Koltz. Please regularly reference our [website](#) for the most up-to-date application and program information!
 - Student Advisory Board update from recent graduate **Heidi Pitkin**. We appreciate Heidi serving on the Student Advisory Board and representing her cohort throughout her time in the program.