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WELCOME BACK!

A new start time and a weather delay may have started the Spring 2021 semester off differently this year, but we are getting used to change these days. We've adapted to working from home with phones forwarded or alone in the office and to meet via zoom. Hopefully that hasn't been noticeable to you, because the one thing that has not changed is our dedication to serve you. The Graduate Admissions & Programs office staff would like to welcome you if this is your first semester and say 'welcome back' to those of you returning. We hope your semester goes smoothly from here on out. You can reach us at gradstudies@unk.edu if we can assist you in any way.



Linda Johnson

Director of Graduate Admissions

COUNSELING, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY, & FAMILY SCIENCE

- The Department of Counseling and School Psychology (CSP) promotes a field-based scientist/practitioner model in order to prepare culturally competent and compassionate professionals at the graduate level to provide service and leadership in school psychology, clinical mental health counseling, school counseling and student affairs.
- CSP is an interdisciplinary department committed to work towards equity and social justice within the College and University, our professions, and throughout the broader society.
- With our focus on student success and lifetime learning, we're committed to preparing clinically proficient counselors and school psychologists via state-of-the-art skills labs and comprehensive clinical training.

Degrees Include:

- Specialist Degree in School Psychology- Nationally accredited by National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
- Master's of Science in Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling- 1 of only 80 Community Counseling programs in the country that qualifies for CACREP accreditation
- Master's of Science in Education in School Counseling
 - Train professionals to work in rural and urban schools through a combination of online, blended, and live courses
- Master's of Science in Education in Student Affairs- Plan, direct, or coordinate student services and educational programming at universities and colleges.

GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome Back!

Reminder to continue to check and use the Graduate Studies Canvas page to stay up to date on campus happenings. The one-stop-shop has an abundant amount of resources that can be used to help navigate your graduate experience. The Office of Graduate Studies cares about you and your graduate experience. We hope you have a great rest of your year. Go Lopers!



Professional Development Workshop

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

[Recorded Workshop Link](#)

[Experiential Learning: How to Grow as a Masters Student](#)

This workshop will help you make the most of your master's experience at UNK by encouraging you to connect with campus resources to create opportunities in your field. This workshop will also discuss strategies on building your career and creating a long-term pathway to professional development.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- **February 26th-** Tuition and Fees due in full for Spring 2021 classes
- **March 3rd and 4th-** Student Government Elections
- **March 11th-** Industrial Distribution Virtual Career Fair
- **March 31st-** Student Government Inaguration

COVID-19 UPDATES

To stay up to date on current policies and regulations on campus, we recommend checking the [UNK Coronavirus Information](#) and the [IRB](#) webpage for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Let us all do our part to keep UNK Campus safe and healthy

- Wear a mask
- Use hand-sanitizer frequently
- Follow walking path direction signage around campus
- Wash your hands frequently
- Monitor your health and stay home if you feel ill



HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER?

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Graduate Faculty Spotlight

What is your role at UNK and how long have you been with UNK?

I am an Associate Professor and the Graduate Program Committee Chair in the Communication Disorders department; I have been a faculty member at UNK for 12 years.

What is your favorite thing about your program/department?

The students, of course. I enjoy working with undergraduate and graduate students to develop their academic, research, clinical, and professional skills. It is refreshing and rewarding to work with students and see them succeed as professionals.

What is your favorite thing about UNK?

I love the sense of community at UNK. Across campus, faculty, staff, and students all contribute to making UNK a great place to learn and work.

What are your hobbies/interests (other than making UNK great)?

My hobbies include spending time with my family, cooking, traveling, and all things sports (watching - Go Lopers!, competing, fantasy leagues...you name it). I also enjoy reading, puzzles, and attempting to keep plants alive.

What advice would you give current graduate students?

Take advantage of the opportunities available to you. UNK has excellent resources available beyond the classroom that can really enhance your graduate student experience. I also would encourage students to connect with faculty members, again, maximizing their time as a graduate student to learn more about their field of study.

Greatest Educational Achievement?

Completing my doctoral program while also working full-time as Lecturer at UNK and having my first baby.



**Whitney
Schneider-Cline**

Associate Professor

Favorite Quote:

**"These will be hard to do,
but we can do hard
things."**

-Glennon Doyle

**It is a reminder that while
things may not always be easy,
we can overcome obstacles and
learn from challenges we face.**

Graduate Student Spotlight

What inspired you to pursue a graduate degree?

This would be my second year in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. I am originally from Las Vegas, NV and did my undergraduate degree in Applied Psychology and Research Methodology in Denver, CO. I always knew I wanted to be in a helping profession and advocating for others has always been important to me, so going into the field of counseling seemed suitable. Eventually I want to own my own clinic, and to do so I knew I had to pursue a graduate level degree, so getting my masters at UNK has been a great fit.

What is your favorite thing about your graduate program?

The professors in my department are really invested in my academic and career aspirations, and have helped me plan to get into a PhD program. Despite the master's program being blended, the professors are always available and willing to take that extra time with students one-on-one.

What is your favorite thing about UNK?

As a campus, UNK is beautiful and the perfect size for me. It is always wonderful to see how the larger Kearney community comes together to support and show spirit for UNK.

What are my hobbies and interests (outside of cramming for exams and papers)?

Outside of academics I enjoy watching documentaries, shopping, spending time with my Poodle Stella, and I fly home as much as possible to spend time with my family. 😊



Asianna Harris

**2nd Year Clinical
Mental Health
Counseling
Graduate Student**

Favorite Quote:

**"Learn to be quiet
enough to hear the
genuine in yourself, so
that you can hear it in
others." - Marian
Wright Edelman**

SEMESTER DATES AND DEADLINES:

Graduation Application Deadlines: Apply via your MyBlue account under the Academics Tab

- February 8- Spring 2021
- June 15- Summer 2021

Tuition Bill:

- eBills Sent Out- February 4
- Tuition and Fees Due in full for Spring 2021 classes- February 26

Last Day to Drop Spring 2021 class with "W"

- March 26

May 2021 Graduation

- Rehearsal for both Undergraduate and Graduate Events- May 6th at 3pm

