## **Summary of Graduate Academic Standards Changes**

# Ouachita Baptist University March 2024

At a faculty meeting on March 12, 2024, the faculty **approved** the following graduate-level academic standards change.

Respectfully submitted, The Graduate Council

### MA in Counseling with specialization in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC)

#### Transfer Credit Policy

#### Change

Add a transfer credit policy for the MA in Counseling with specialization in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program.

#### Rationale

Prospective transfer students in the MA in Counseling with specialization in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program have the opportunity to transfer coursework from another institution, provided it aligns with the standards set by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The maximum allowable transfer credits are limited to twelve (12) hours.

To be eligible for transfer credit, courses must have been successfully completed within the last five (5) years. Courses also need to satisfy the same knowledge domain as our program per the CACREP areas of assessment and have a grade of B or above.

Courses for which credits are earned for completing Supervised Fieldwork will not be considered for transfer (Practicum, Internship 1, Internship 2, Internship 3).

Additionally, transfer students are required to participate in all of the required intensives, even if transfer credit is granted for that course as part of their assimilation into the program. This policy ensures students have access to the hands-on skill development offered during intensives and the development of critical relationships with their cohort.

To facilitate the transfer process, individuals must submit their transcripts and course syllabi for comprehensive review and approval by the Ouachita Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program Director.

#### **Catalog Entry**

#### **Requirements for Graduate Transfer Students**

Up to twelve hours of completed relevant coursework may be transferred in, at the discretion of the program director. Specific program requirements vary. Courses must have been completed within the last five years and must have a grade of B or above to be eligible to receive transfer credit.

- Dietetic Internship No transfer credits will be accepted for the Dietetic Internship
- M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis Requests for transfer credits in the M.S. of Applied Behavior Analysis program will be evaluated based on Applied Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) guidelines. Transfer credit will not be granted for ABA 6113: Basic Concepts and Principles
- MA in Counseling (CMHC) Requests for transfer credits will be evaluated by the program director. To be eligible for transfer credit, the course must satisfy the equivalent knowledge domain in Ouachita's degree program. Transfer credits will not be granted for Supervised Fieldwork courses (Practicum, Internship 1, Internship 2, Internship 3). If transfer credits are granted for an intensive course, the student must still attend and participate in the intensive course on campus to satisfy the residency requirement.