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## Mission

The Department of Counseling and Mental Health Services is determined to be the pre-eminent program in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan for training and research in community counseling, school counseling, school psychology, and counselor education and supervision consistent with the public metropolitan mission of the University of Toledo. Toward this end, the Department offers student-centered programs that integrate learning, discovery, and engagement, so that both traditional and nontraditional students may achieve their highest potential in an environment that embraces and celebrates human diversity, respect for the individual, and freedom of expression. The Department commits itself to achieving excellence through direct service to students, distance learning opportunities, research contributions to the professional knowledge base, and partnerships with community schools, agencies, and healthcare providers.

## Objectives

After successfully completing the program, students will be expected to:

- 1. Demonstrate the highest level of competency achievable at all academic levels, i.e., associate's, bachelor's, master's, specialist, and doctoral.
- 2. Understand the present and projected needs of a pluralistic society.
- 3. Demonstrate specialized counseling, school psychology, and human development skills needed to work with a diverse metropolitan population in a variety of settings including, but not limited to, hospitals, mental health agencies, substance abuse programs, and the schools.
- 4. Demonstrate competency in a variety of modalities including, but not limited to, individual, group, family, substance abuse, and gerontological therapies and prevention techniques.
- 5. Demonstrate an ability to work with families and individuals at all levels of development from children to adolescents, adults, and elderly.
- Understand and use the most current counseling and school psychological techniques and knowledge base.
- 7. Conduct research and contribute to the counseling and school psychological knowledge base and train and encourage students and graduates to do the same.