## CACREP advances accreditation for Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling programs 2/10/17

The Counsel for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) has extended the accredited status of Alfred University&s Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling programs through the remainder of the current eight-year cycle that ends March 31, 2023.

"This is a significant accomplishment, as CACREP recognizes that our programs meet the rigorous standards set by the profession," said Associate Professor Kevin Curtin, program director for Counseling and College Student Development at Alfred University.

The campus-based counseling programs are student-centered educational opportunities leading to the Master of Science in Education degree and certificate of advanced study. Students gain applied experience through various mental health agencies and schools in the surrounding region, and also have the opportunity to provide supervised counseling services at AU&s Child and Family Services Center.

In addition to receiving CAREP accreditation, Alfred University&s School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling programs recently were cited by Topcounselingschools.org, which recognized the University for "top value" graduate degrees in counseling in New York state.

The School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling programs are available to full-time students, who can complete their requirements in two years, as well as part-time students who may complete their work in three years.