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**FGCU Counseling and Psychological Services Receives Accreditation from International Association of Counseling Services**

FORT MYERS, FL – Florida Gulf Coast University announced the department of Counseling and Psychological Services recently received accreditation from the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc. (IACS), an Alexandria, Va.-based organization of the United States, Canadian and Australian counseling agencies.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is the counseling center of FGCU responsible for providing mental health counseling and support for over 11,000 students on campus. Over the past 18 months, CAPS participated in an extensive process required by IACS, evaluating the program against high standards of counseling practice following a comprehensive self-study that was documented and provided to the review team for IACS. The team of university counseling center directors performed an on-site visit interviewing staff and faculty of FGCU for further input.

To receive accreditation, it must be verified that the program offers competent and reliable professional services to its clientele. Approval by IACS is also dependent upon evidence of continuing professional development, as well as demonstration of excellence of counseling performance.

Counseling and Psychological Services is directed by founding director Jon Brunner, Ph.D. and offers individual, group, career and couples therapy; in addition to consulting and referral services with students, faculty and families of FGCU students. CAPS has a staff of eight counselors and psychologists.

IACS was established in 1972 to encourage and aid counseling agencies to meet high professional standards throughout peer evaluation and to inform the public about counseling services that are competent and reliable.

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