

Human Services Faculty

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The Human Services program has 4 faculty members and 4 adjunct faculty members. The faculty members come from a variety of educational, clinical, and professional backgrounds. The majority of the core curriculum courses consist of lecture with an emphasis on class discussions and experiential learning opportunities. The student to faculty ratio is usually no more than 20 to 1 in face-to-face classes and no more than 20:1 in online courses. Faculty ratings by students are very high for both full-time and part-time faculty. All of the faculty ratings are consistently above average or outstanding, often exceeding a national average. The majority of the full-time faculty are Human Services Board-Certified Practitioners. Information on this certification can be found at www.cce-global.org/HSBCP.

Faculty Background

Cheryl Cooper McGill, MS, HS-BCP

I attended Francis Marion University and received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Sociology in 1986 and later in 1993 I received a Master of Science in Applied Clinical Psychology from FMU as well. Prior to working here, I was employed by Family Therapy Associates as a counselor. I have also worked as a counselor at Greenland Park Psychiatric Center and McLeod Hospital. My interests include: group dynamics; psychotherapeutic techniques and biological psychology. I am a Board-Certified Human Services Practitioner (HS-BCP) and serve on the Council for Standards in Human Services Education (CSHSE). I am also certified to teach Mental Health First Aid.

Chris C. Thomas, MS, HS-BCP

I received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Business Administration from Coastal Carolina University in 1994. I completed a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology from Francis Marion University in 1998. I completed a graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis from the University of North Texas in 2008. I am the department chair for Behavioral Sciences, Human and Public Services. My interests include: applied behavior analysis, brain & behavior, psychopathology, child and adolescent psychology, and the teaching and development of scientific/critical thinking skills. I am a Board-Certified Human Services Practitioner HS-BCP.

Brantlee Haire, MS, HS-BCP

I received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Sociology from Francis Marion University in 1992. I completed a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology from Francis Marion University in 1995. I am the program director for Human Services. My areas of interest include interpersonal communication, positive psychology, and stress management. I am a Board-Certified Human Services Practitioner (HS-BCP).

Melissa Smith, MS, LPC

I received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Francis Marion University in 1993 and a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology from Francis Marion University in 1998. In addition to academics, I have more than 16 years of experience working in the counseling field. I have been a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) for 21 years. My past work experience includes a variety of inpatient and outpatient clinical settings. My areas of interest include: abnormal psychology, cognitive behavioral therapy, substance abuse and depression/anxiety.

Adjunct Faculty Background

Winfield Brown, MA, HS-BCP

I received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the College of Charleston and received a Master of Arts in Applied Psychology from Long Island University. My areas of interest include disabilities as well as abnormal behavior. I currently serve as the Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee at the Pee Dee Regional Center and I serve on the MSW Advisory Board for Limestone University. I am a Board-Certified Human Services Practitioner (HS-BCP).

Peggy Campbell, PhD

I received a Bachelor of Arts from Francis Marion, Florence, SC: major Sociology, focus; leadership and small group communication, diversity: Minors, Philosophy and History MS North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC: Sociology, focus; interpersonal communication: Minor, Psychology ABD Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Education, Post-Secondary Teaching and Learning, Adult Education: Dissertation in Progress. Areas of special focus clinically have been Addictions and Addiction Counseling; Gerontology and working with the elderly; Adolescent and family therapy; Women's issues and working with special populations. Certifications: Certified Substance Abuse Counselor; NC Substance Abuse Certification Board (1988-2000); Certified Clinical Supervisor, NC Substance Abuse Certification Board (1994-2000); National

Certification in Substance Abuse (1994-2000); certified DWI Evaluation Specialist, NC Substance Abuse Certification Board, 1995-2000.

Karen Garmin, MS

I received a Bachelor of Arts degree (Criminal Justice) from Shaw University. I received a Master of Science degree (Family and Consumer Sciences / Child and Family Studies) from North Carolina Central University. Later, I enrolled and earned my Sociology Graduate Certificate from Appalachian State University. This certificate was a very targeted 18 hours of Sociology graduate work, including a portfolio, that is designed specifically to prepare certificate holders to teach undergraduate Sociology classes at 2- and 4-year institutions of higher learning. Before joining FDTC as an adjunct Sociology Instructor, I was (and remain) an adjunct with Wake Technical Community College where I teach, develop and write curriculum for HRD (Human Resource Development) continuing education classes. For 10 years, I served as the Youth Summit Personal Responsibility Summit, a subcommittee of the Raleigh, MLK Celebration Committee, Co-Chair of the Triangle (Raleigh/Durham) chapter of CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, and an annual fundraiser for my local Ronald McDonald Charity My hobbies include traveling, community volunteerism, and mental health and disability advocacy.

Carolyn “Carey” Blevins Rivera, MACE, MSW, LMSW, HS-BCP

I attended Frostburg State University (formerly known as Frostburg State College) where I received a Bachelor of Arts in French and Spanish literature and a minor in economics in 1982. I earned a Master of Arts in Christian Education in 1985 and a Master of Social Work in 1989, both from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I also have earned 18 hours of master level sociology courses from the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa. I am a Licensed Master of Social Worker and a Board-Certified Human Services Practitioner. In addition, I am a certified grief counselor. As well as working at FDTC, I have been employed by the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault as a crisis counselor and shelter manager. I have also worked with the Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board as the Assistant Director of Residential Supports. Currently, I work full-time as a lead hospice social worker. My interests include: social problems, internationalization, and death and dying.

