PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONSULTATION

The Department of Psychological and Educational Consultation offers concentrations in studies that prepare candidates for careers in a variety of areas. The department has, as its primary objective, a collaborative approach to contributing to the quality of life in our changing schools, organizations, and society. The department is dedicated to making significant contributions to the:

- · Enhancement of student self-awareness and self-understanding
- Promotion of student self-care to develop optimal well-being and prevent burnout
- Improvement of service delivery options to children, adolescents, and adults
- · Resolution of problems through effective consultation skills
- Promotion of effective communication skills and working relationships
- Increased effectiveness of interventions in schools, and community support agencies
- Leadership in schools and community in the areas of theory, assessment, and understanding of differences among children, youth, adults, and those with disabilities, with special emphasis on differentiating typical cultural characteristics from pathology
- Development of effective curricular, behavioral, and therapeutic interventions
- Enhancement of human potential, facilitation of healthy development, and primary prevention of problems in school, at home, and in the community

To supplement course work, faculty has established working relationships in settings where psychological and instructional skills are applied. These settings include schools, child and family mental health services. These relationships provide for the coordination of real life experiences with academic training and serve dual purposes. First, candidates have the opportunity to practice newly acquired skills in real settings with experienced supervisors supported by university faculty. Second, the addition of graduate candidates to established staff increases the resources available in schools and the community.

Programs

- School Psychology
 - · MA in School Psychology
 - · SYC in School Psychology

Faculty

Associate Professors

Gill Lopez, *Director, School Psychology* Lolis, *Interim Dean*

Associate Professors of the Practice

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