## **Professional/Personal Attributes: Counseling**

## 4. Professional Identity

Commitment to ongoing development as a professional counselor and member of the "helping professions."

Commitment to high standards of practice as a counseling professional.

An understanding of one's motivation for choosing the counseling profession. The ability to critically assess one's own values, attitudes, beliefs and behaviors as they relate to the standards of excellence and ethics, and the best practices, of the counseling profession.

The ability to exhibit appropriate professional attitudes and conduct; ability to represent the profession ethically and effectively. Willingness to assume roles of service and advocacy.

Ability to demonstrate **theory-into-practice**, that is, to translate learned values and content knowledge into professional/personal attitudes and action.

Developing participation in the varied roles of the professional counselor and participation in professional organizations through membership, service and scholarship.

Ability to see oneself as connected to a wider whole of regional/global needs, helping systems, and resources. A commitment to advocacy on behalf of clients and larger society, as well as to the pursuit of social justice, as consistent with one's professional counseling identity.

## 5. Personal Maturity

Ability to live and function at an appropriate level of emotional, psychological, and relational well-being; freedom from significant impairments that would affect one's ability to perform as a prmO

to constructive criticism; tolerance and openness toward differences; ability to develop appropriate support

information fully and carefully, to notify the student of concerns and the outcome of the review, and to select a course of action that is commensurate with accepted ethical and legal procedures as well as the 'best practices' of the profession.

In these instances the faculty, in consultation with the Dean(s), may find it necessary to forego the step-by-step procedures listed above and move directly to recommend probation and remediation or dismissal from the program.