## **PROPOSAL:** Create the MA in Clinical Psychology.

## <u>Background</u>

The Undergraduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved the creation of the MA in Clinical Psychology offered by the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Historically, students admitted directly to the clinical psychology doctoral program in the department of Psychology at Western Michigan University have obtained a master's degree enroute to their doctorate, which helped ensure that academic milestones have been achieved and provides students in the doctoral program with the degree necessary to pursue limited licensure. However, the master's degree in Psychology no longer exists so a new degree must be developed meet this need. As the training is unique to Clinical Psychology, we are proposing a new master's degree in Clinical Psychology.

## Recommended Action

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