To: E-Campus and Graduate Council

From: Julie Gess-Newsome, Interim Dean of Academic Programs
Date: June 6, 2106
RE: E-Campus Proposal for M.Coun Clinical Mental Health Option

The College of Education Counseling Program in Corvallis is proposing to create an E-Campus/hybrid Clinical Mental Health option. While we support our colleagues and recognize the desire to expand programs, particularly to underserved areas of the state, both campuses recognize that this program will be a source of competition for the existing residency M.Coun CMH program at the OSU-Cascades campus.

We appreciate the steps that the main campus has suggested to make their proposed program unique and therefore attract a different set of students: 1) the face to face component of the hybrid program will be based in Salem, 2) an emphasis on child and adolescent development is distinct from OSU-Cascades, 3) a cohort size limited to 12 students, 4) a recruitment focus on I-5 and Oregon coast communities, and 5) a commitment to advise students of the availability of the program at OSU-Cascades when that program may better suit their needs. We would appreciate a discussion with OSU Corvallis about impacts on OSU-Cascades’ enrollments before program expansion beyond a cohort size of 12 occurs.