

**Review of MFA Results and Report on Curricular Change
2003-2004
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The results of the 2003-2004 academic year (Fall 03 through Summer 04) MFA assessment activities indicated several areas of strength. The perceived areas of strength included:

a) *the students' opinion of the broad knowledge base provided by the program.*

1. Eighty percent of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the effectiveness of beginning courses when compared to 95% of the students who were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the effectiveness of beginning courses during the last reporting period.
2. One hundred percent of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the quality of instruction in the advanced courses when compared to 95% of the students who were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the effectiveness of beginning courses during the last reporting period.

b) *the students' demonstration of competency in clinical skills.*

1. One hundred percent of the students (N=15) completed the clinical practicum. These results are consistent with those from the last reporting period.
2. One hundred percent of the students (N=15) completed 100 clinical contact hours upon graduation. These results are consistent with those from the last reporting period.
3. One hundred percent of the students (N=15) completed the required number of observations prior to enrollment in CSD 300. These results are consistent with those from the last reporting period.
4. One hundred percent of the students (N=15) achieved a grade of "C" or better on the *Cognitive Behavioral System Evaluation*. These data are consistent with findings from the last reporting period.

5. One hundred percent of the students (N=15) completed the ASHA Clinical Summary Form prior to graduation. These data are consistent with results from the last reporting period.

c) *The preparation of students for entry into master's program.*

1. Eighty-six percent (N=15) of the students had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher when compared to 100% percent of the students who had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher during the last reporting period.
2. The students are longer required to take the PPST or C-S PPST. It is recommended that this item can be deleted from the UG MFA Plan beginning next year.

d) *The students' opinion of positive pre-professional identity and life-long learning in terms of satisfaction of the students with pre-professional activities.*

1. Ninety percent of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the experience outside of the classroom when compared to approximately 86% of the students who were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the experience during the last reporting period.
2. Seventy-three percent of the program's courses contained pre-professional activities when compared to 75% of the program's courses during the last reporting period.
3. Approximately 50% of the students were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with professional activities and associations this reporting period as compared to approximately 73% of the students who were "satisfied" to "very satisfied" with the professional activities during the last reporting period.

No major areas of perceived weaknesses are noted during this reporting period. However, there was a slightly negative shift in the students' opinion of professional activities and associations this reporting period when compared to the last reporting period. There was a slightly negative shift in the preparation of students for entry into master's program where 86% of the students had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for the current year when compared to 100% percent of the students having a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher during the last reporting period. These areas of weakness can be addressed in the undergraduate curriculum committee meeting. Future results will be monitored, and the outcomes will be continually evaluated. Appropriate program modifications will also be continually made based on

the obtained data. Since the students are longer required to take the PPST or C-S PPST, it is recommended that this item can be deleted from the UG MFA Plan beginning next year.