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A Message from Anthony S. Parente, M.A., LCPC Director, CAS, Master's Plus Program



I would like to introduce myself to the members of the Loyola College Psychology Department alumnae and students. I am a Loyola graduate program alumni, and I am the new Director of the L.C.P.C. program.

It is exciting to have this opportunity to be of service to Loyola students and its graduates. I have been working in the mental health profession for twenty-three years, and have been an L.C.P.C. since its inception. There are many options and opportunities for those who have a master's degree in psychology and are looking to be of service within the field.

I have had interesting and important experiences in the field of psychology as a professor, counselor and consultant. This academic year begins my seventeenth as an instructor in the psychology department. I have a private practice in Towson, and have worked as a clinician since I graduated from Loyola in 1983. During my years as a counselor, my work has involved mental health and substance abuse treatment. I have also specialized in treating adolescents, as well as employee assistance and workplace issues. I have served as an employee assistance counselor for many businesses, both large and small, including Northrup Grumman Corporation, Verizon, Baltimore Gas & Electric, Sheppard Pratt Health Systems, McCormick and the Pan American Health Organization, among other businesses. I provide mental health and substance abuse trainings in the workplace covering topics such as stress management, the mind/body connection, relationship negotiation, teenage substance abuse, parenting issues and grief.

I have been fortunate to have had such a diverse and satisfying professional career. There continue to be many challenges and opportunities to face and learn from. Since licensure has become a reality in Maryland, the number of professionals with this credential has steadily risen. Businesses throughout the State, such as hospitals, clinics, schools, employee assistance programs, as well as private parties have become increasingly familiar with this credential and, in fact, require it for employment or contractual work. Loyola's CAS/Master's Plus program offers the coursework that meets the State's license requirements, and it further allows one to specialize in the field as well as enhance one's skills as a professional. Pursuing a career in psychology as an L.C.P.C. can be an important and essential step toward realizing your career goals.

If I can be of assistance to anyone interested in pursuing a career as an L.C.P.C., please contact me. I look forward to my continued service as a Loyola faculty member, and particularly in my role as Director of the CAS/Master's Plus Program.

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