

Community Based Learning Integrated School Counseling Consultation, Collaboration, and Intervention Course

Partners with Sun Prairie Area School District and School Counseling Programs

Fall 2019



Theory to Practice

Students developed and administered a parent needs assessment survey and analyzed the data.

Professional Development

Students gained deeper understanding of the district, work in schools, and understanding of the school counselor role.

Local Impact

Students gave guardians an outlet to make their needs known and provided resources and interventions to address the needs.

Community-University Partnership

Students formed connections and relationships with community partners and positively represented the department and university.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND RESULTS

Sun Prairie Area School District is located in Dane county, Wisconsin. The district is predominantly White [62%], African American and Asian Pacific Islander [10%], Hispanic [9%], Native American [>1%], and two or more races [8%]. The district has 9 elementary schools, 2 middle schools (grades 6-7), 1 upper middle school (grades 8-9), 1 high school (grades 10-11), and 1 alternative learning school (Sun Prairie Area School District, n.d). The UW-W Counselor Education Department partnered with Jennifer Apodaca, Director of Student Services Teaching, Learning and Equity Team, and Sun Prairie School Counseling programs to complete a piece of work focused on understanding topics of interest to parents in respect of their K-12 students personal/social and academic development and developing resources to enhance parent understanding and engagement. School counselors in training with the support of their instructor and the CBL fellow developed, administered a parent survey, and analyzed data from the 655 parent responses. Based on the results, they developed resources including media information for parents focused on social media, anxiety, and friendship/social skills. The information was provided to Ms. Apodaca for dissemination to the participating schools and school counseling programs.



Course Offering Information

COUNSED 743 School Counseling Consultation, Collaboration, and Intervention is a required course for school counselors in training offered every fall in the counselor education department. Community based learning will be a requirement of the course offering.