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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Mount Mary College's Counseling Program Expands to include Clinical Mental Health**

**MILWAUKEE** (January 30, 2012) – Mount Mary College expanded its Master in Science in Counseling program this academic year to include a clinical mental health counseling concentration. This 60-credit program is designed to meet the growing need for mental health counselors specializing in trauma and substance abuse issues. It provides students with increased professional training and competency as well as portability and employability.

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration is an approved substance abuse counseling pre-certification program by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, formerly known as the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL), in addition to being an approved licensed counselor pre-certification program. The concentration also meets counselor licensing requirements for many states that require applicants to have completed a 60-credit masters program in counseling.

Mount Mary College's Master of Science in Counseling program is a participant in the National Board for Certified Counselors' national certification program - Graduate Student Administration - National Counselor Certification Examination (GSA-NCC Exam). The NCC credential is the only master's level, professional counselor certification that students can apply for while enrolled in college.

Mount Mary began offering a master in science in counseling in 2004 and offers two additional concentrations in community counseling and school counseling. The counseling programs are open to both women and men.

More information on the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration, or the master in science program, can be found at <http://www.mtmary.edu/dept-communitycounseling.htm>, or by contacting Carrie Smith King, Graduate Program in Counseling Director, at 414.258.4810, ext 319 or at [kingc@mtmary.edu](mailto:kingc@mtmary.edu).

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Mount Mary College, founded in 1913 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, was Wisconsin's first four-year, degree-granting Catholic college for women. Located on an 80-acre campus in Milwaukee, the College offers more than 30 undergraduate majors for women and eight graduate programs for women and men. Mount Mary also emphasizes study abroad, service learning, and social justice initiatives. Its nearly 1900 students enjoy small class sizes (average 14) and over 90 percent of full-time students receive financial aid or scholarships. Through classroom instruction and community service, Mount Mary develops women to be leaders in their professions and their communities, serving as role models to inspire achievement in others. Visit Mount Mary at [www.mtmary.edu](http://www.mtmary.edu).

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