FIRST YEAR REFLECTIONS

1. What were your expectations coming into your first year and how did they line up with your experiences?

Coming into the program, I expected it to consume my life in a good way. I expected to be challenged by the coursework and gain more competence in myself as a counselor. In reality, it was much more than this. I wasn’t challenged so much by the coursework, but through reflecting on my views of the world and myself. I feel more comfortable and confident in myself and my future after this year.

2. Do you feeling you’ve grown as a professional over the past year? How so?

I feel I was already very professional coming into the program. If you are a graduate student in any field, there’s a good change you have some professional skills already that got you here. I think the insights I’ve gained about myself this year will aid in my professional development.

3. What advice do you have for those coming into the program?

My best advice is to focus on the bigger picture. Keep your goals in mind. Because the demands are high at times, it’s easy to lose motivation. When you constantly remind yourself why you are doing this, it can give you that push you need during tougher times. Also, value quality over quantity. Often, graduate students place so much emphasis on their letter grade, that they can miss the point which is development and learning. Care about your grades, but care more about your growth and competency. Ultimately, your competence, skill, and compassion for the field will be what makes a difference in the lives of people you serve, not your grade on an assignment.
TERRIFIC TEACHERS

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING INSTRUCTOR (GTI) AWARD

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Congrats, Kristina! Your students are lucky to have an instructor as dedicated and caring as you are.

KRISTINA RAY,
GTI AWARD RECIPIENT SPRING 2019

MS. BOGOSLAVSKY RECOGNIZED BY STUDENT ATHLETE

Congrats to doctoral student Mattie Bogoslavsky for her recent recognition by a member of the UCA Volleyball Team, Amari Mitchell. This was her first year as a Graduate Teaching Instructor. Mattie teaches General Psychology.

Thanks for making a difference in these students’ lives!

MATTIE BOGOSLAVSKY,
GRADUATE TEACHING INSTRUCTOR
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