

Today is September 30,  
2016

## Dates

October 10 - deadline  
for graduation  
applications for  
December graduates.  
November 7-11 is  
National Distance  
Learning week

## Invitation

Invitation to attend the  
next T & L Seminar:  
Tuesday, October 4,  
4:15-5:15 pm, SOE,  
B06A  
Topic: Teacher  
Performance  
Assessment:  
edTPA & IA-TPA  
Presenters: Michelle  
Krogulski & Andrea  
Lupo

## Cultural Awareness course

Jean Hansen and  
others have worked  
hard to develop a  
compelling 3 semester  
hour graduate credit  
course, offered in an  
eight-week, instructor  
led, online format.

## Spotlight - Counseling student receives Lifesaving Award

On July 10, 2016, Johnston Police received a call of a CPR in progress at a residence in Johnson. Drake University Clinical Mental Health Counseling student Jessica Jensen was the first responding officer on the scene and observed a man suspected to be in cardiac arrest in the backyard of the home. Sgt. Jensen continued with CPR. Johnston Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and conducted an initial assessment as Sgt. Jensen continued chest compressions. After the initial rounds of CPR complete Sgt. Jensen stopped to check for a pulse and located it. At that point, the Johnston Fire Department took over treatment of the patient and continued to provide advanced life support during transport to a nearby medical facility. Sgt. Jessica Jensen was given a very well deserved Lifesaving Award by the Johnston Police Department to recognize her compassion and commitment to the citizens she serves.

## Spotlight - OnCampus Feature

**In case you missed it...Bengu Erguner-Tekinalp**  
Associate Professor of Counseling was featured in  
OnCampus

### **Why did you pursue teaching counseling rather than practicing in a clinical or other setting?**

I chose counseling because I wanted to be part of change and growth people are undertaking. Teaching is similar in the sense. I just think it is wonderful that as a professor I get to read books and talk about books and write stuff (or attempt to write stuff), and then you share your knowledge with others. It's exciting to welcome students to Drake with their desire to help others and watch students learn, grow and turn into wonderful counselors. It is so exciting to witness this development and be a part of this growth. Plus, I have this curiosity about everything, and as a professor you are rewarded for your curiosity and asking questions.

### **You are originally from Turkey—what was it like to adjust to life in the United States?**

There are a lot of hidden rules in culture. For example, Turkey is more on the collectivist side of the continuum; relationships move faster, the second you meet someone you

Course Dates:  
Fall 2016: Oct. 24 –  
Dec. 18  
Spring 2017: Feb 13 -  
April 9  
Tuition: \$595 (not  
including the cost of the  
text)

Course Overview  
*Cultural Awareness:  
Seeing Past the  
Stereotypes* initiates  
the process of seeing  
past stereotypes by  
raising each student's  
awareness of the  
culture in which they  
live. Students will be  
provided with  
opportunities to hear  
the voices of those from  
other cultures and,  
through their work in  
this course, they will  
develop tools to assist  
them in successfully  
applying the important  
concepts of cultural  
awareness in their work  
environment, whether  
educational, counseling  
or administrative.

Call 1-800-76-TEACH  
(83224) or visit  
[www.drake.edu/cepd](http://www.drake.edu/cepd)

## Quiz

How did Tom and  
Becky Buckmiller  
choose their newborn  
son's name?

can start talking about your personal life and issues, which is perfectly normal, but not so much here. We also don't have much personal space in Turkey. I remember as a student in Alabama I couldn't understand why people moved away or why people were in different corners of the elevator. Those type of hidden rules of a culture—it's about understanding the differences and adjusting accordingly. The adjustment was exciting first, then scary, then confusing, then exciting again. After all these years this country became a new home, a second home for us.

### **What are your areas of expertise or interest?**

One of my areas is studying and teaching about cross-cultural differences and diversity. I operate based on stories. If we see people as categories, we're not going to see them as human beings; it's easy to detach ourselves. But stories can bridge that gap and eliminate the barriers those categories create. Let's listen to each other, hear our stories, and let's grow together.

## Practicum students placed

Initial teacher licensure students are all placed in their practicums. Student teaching requests go out today.

## October SOE newsletter

The SOE newsletter will be somewhat irregular in October due to Associate Dean Gillespie's travel schedule, or possibly due to all the pumpkin spice in the air.