

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR: Dr. Orlando-Marquez C. Kittrell

Dr. Kittrell began serving students at Lock Haven University in August 2021. He coordinates the Academic Improvement Plan (AIP) Program and provides oversight for assisting struggling students with improving their academic performance. For over a decade, Dr. Kittrell has served diverse student populations from all socioeconomic, geographic, racial, ethnic, heritage, gender identity, sexual orientation, religious and spiritual backgrounds.

Dr. Kittrell has worked in the public and private sectors, serving in staff, faculty and leadership roles within educational and community-based settings, providing an array of academic support and student instructional services, to include extensive grantsmanship. His specialized areas of counseling/clinical practice and teaching proficiency includes, but are not limited to, self-esteem/efficacy; child and youth empowerment; family systems/unification; personality theory; individual and family psychosocial dynamics; cross-cultural psychology, narrative development through diversity and inclusive storytelling; student development; gender identity and sexual orientation affirmation; interpersonal communication; Autism spectrum disorders (ASD); working with students, individuals and adults managing ADHD; and clients processing trauma.

Aside from teaching and serving students, Dr. Kittrell has presented statewide and nationally about serving historically underrepresented college students, especially those pursuing STEM majors and careers. He has published peer-reviewed journal articles relating to college student development.

Dr. Kittrell was conferred the clinical Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) degree in psychology from California Coast University in 2007; he previously completed 33 credits beyond the master's degree for the Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S) in School Psychology at the College of St. Rose. He earned the Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Exceptional Persons - Special Education from Mansfield University. He received his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees in Psychology, Speech Communication, and Mass Communication/Broadcast Journalism from Mansfield University.

Beyond the doctorate, Dr. Kittrell's professional development includes completing several Leadership and Strategic Management Certificate Programs at the Cornell University SC Johnson College of Business. He recently completed the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in the Workplace Certificate program and the Inclusive and Ethical Leadership Certificate at the University of South Florida, Muma College of Business. His longtime interest in contributing towards fostering equity in diverse and inclusive learning environments compelled him to attend courses via Harvard Medical School, the Harvard University Extension School (psychology), Taft Law School (Executive JD track), Drexel University, University of Michigan, University of Colorado, Palo Alto University, etc.

Dr. Kittrell's professional portfolio includes memberships in the American Psychological Association (APA), International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors (IAMFC), American Counseling Association (ACA) and the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). He recently completed the New York State Department of Health Citizen Public Health Leader certificate program via Cornell University. He holds certificates in FEMA Disaster Mental Health & Crisis Counseling; Community HIV/AIDS Education Counselor; and Title IX Sexual Harassment & Discrimination Prevention.

Dr. Kittrell's preferred pronouns are "he/him/his" and he respects those clients who prefer gender neutrality and gender inclusiveness.