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The Master of Education in Counselor Education Program at Valdosta State University (VSU) has two tracks, *School Counseling* and *Clinical Mental Health Counseling*. Our program is nationally accredited by the

presentations in a brief timeframe. As is true so often, necessity was the mother of invention. I decided to make one of our last class meetings a mock conference poster session. Every student in my class would have the opportunity to present in a fashion more aligned with what they might actually experience at a conference rather than the typical half-hour, stand in front of the room, classroom presentation with a PowerPoint. And every student could present in one class session.

I worded the syllabus assignment description somewhat like an acceptance letter to a conference.

### The Evidenced-based Counseling Intervention Conference

*Congratulations! Your proposal to the Evidence-based Counseling Intervention Conference, the premier national event for the organization the Children and Adolescent Counseling Association, has been accepted for a poster presentation. Your poster will be presented in a session called Focused Interventions: Evidence-based Counseling*