

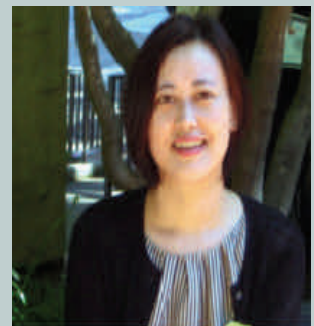
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Project Background: At present, while the status of mental illness and mental health concerns has greatly improved in the world, the education and training of counselors remains an urgent need. With the rapid growth of professional education and training over the last two decades, especially in China, PAU has upheld its "Engaging Minds, Improving Lives" motto. PAU's global master network design project, with its creative, comprehensive education strategy, provides training and consulting professional help for improving countries such as China. The strategy includes several key components: to provide students with a system of distance learning courses; a well-designed curriculum to meet the highest international standards of educational consulting; an online lecture series especially designed for Chinese students, to provide students with the opportunity to discuss how to apply their knowledge in the context of China; providing face to face clinical interview workshops, and its commitment to the development of clinical practice base in China. In the United States, PAU has worked with many community agencies and schools, such as a joint Psy.D. in clinical psychology with the Stanford University School of Medicine, and with the VA Palo Alto health care system and has cooperated with other mental health agencies in providing students with clinical training. Meanwhile, in recent years, PAU also actively has developed international cooperation, so that with the development of the global masters counseling program, PAU hopes to find and develop more clinical training bases, looking for additional ways to provide high-quality clinical training for students.

Introducing New Leadership in PAU's China Program

PAU is proud to welcome Dr. Hui-Qi Tong as Director of the Global Masters Program— China. Dr. Tong, based at the Los Altos masters office and reporting to Denise Daniels, Director of Masters Programs, will be responsible for liaison between Palo Alto and China and will focus on developing the student body in China, including a partnership with the Shanghai Mental Health Center, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Dr. Tong received her MS and PhD from Palo Alto University. and completed her psychology internship and fellowship at San Francisco VA Medical Center. She completed a second post-doctoral fellowship with Dr. Larry E. Beutler at the National Center on the Psychology of Terrorism in Palo Alto, California. Prior to studying Clinical Psychology she also received her medical degree from Shanghai Medical College, Fudan University in China in the field of psychiatry.



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Dr. Tong also held a number of research positions including Research Fellow at the Boston Children's Hospital / Harvard Medical School, Clinical Research Associate at the New England Medical Center, and Research Collaborator and Content Expert for the Older Adult and Family Center/ Stanford University and VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

Dr. Tong's current clinical and research interests include trauma, mindfulness, women's mental health and global mental health. She is also passionate about program development and how to bring western-developed mental health training programs to non-Western education and training systems.

She currently works at the San Francisco VA Medical Center (SFVAMC) and is Director of Psychology Training for the Women's Mental Health program SFVAMC. Dr. Tong is also Clinical Assistant Professor with UCSF, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine.

We are confident in Dr. Tong's ability to lead PAU's efforts in China going forward.