

Membership Benefits

COMMUNITY

Become an active part of the CSI community through your membership. Let your voice be heard in our chapter by casting your vote for our elected officers and giving input into our annual activities at monthly meetings. Your dues directly support the ongoing operations of our UCCS chapter.

LEADERSHIP

Become a leader in your chapter. CSI provides members the opportunity to develop leadership skills through mentoring opportunities, community outreach and by becoming chapter officers through the election process.

PROFESSIONALISM

The CSI website has an interactive forum for CSI members. From book reviews, to a counselor registry, to helpful tools for finding a job, the website is a useful resource for both students and professionals. The Society also provides opportunities to participate in webinars as well as a subscription to the CSI Exemplar, published three times a year.

RECOGNITION

Recognition for the pursuit of personal excellence is a fundamental purpose of the Society. An invitation to become a member of CSI is a high honor. Members are encouraged to wear honor cords at graduation that signify outstanding academic achievements. Members also have access to scholarships, research grants and essay competitions, increasing their opportunity for professional recognition.

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Excellence

Chi Upsilon Sigma is the UCCS chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, an international honor society that values academic and professional excellence in counseling. Chi Sigma Iota promotes a strong professional identity through members (including professional counselors, counselor educators, and students) who contribute to the realization of a healthy society by fostering wellness and human dignity.



A SAMPLE OF WHAT WE DO:

Community Service: Gather with fellow students and professors and experience how the power of a dedicated group can make a significant impact on our community, within and outside of UCCS. Our CSI chapter is dedicated to working together to serve our community.

Comp Study Sessions: We gather in excellence and support one another towards continued success through programs such as our comp study sessions held each winter/spring.

Building Community: CSI brings the counseling community together with events such as the supervisors' breakfast, research symposiums, monthly meetings, and fun social events to help promote self care!

Mission

The mission of CSI is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling.

Membership

Membership in Chi Sigma Iota is by chapter invitation to both students and graduates of the chapters' counselor education programs. Students must have completed at least one semester of full-time graduate coursework (9 credit hours) in a counselor education degree program, have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 system, and be recommended for membership by the chapter, including promise for a capacity to represent the best about professional counseling through appropriate professional behavior, ethical judgment, emotional maturity, and attitudes conducive to working to advocate for wellness and human dignity for all. Individuals receiving a letter of invitation to membership from their chapter may complete the online New Member Application.

Induction

Following the completion of the online New Member Application, CSI Headquarters will acknowledge receipt of the application and payment with a welcoming letter. Full-fledged membership into the Society takes place at a formal oath taking induction ceremony arranged by the chapter. Certificates of membership and recognition pins are distributed in this manner.

What Members are Saying:

"Being an officer for CSI was a way for me to give back to our counseling program and be part of an influential organization."

-Second Year Counseling Student

"The comp study sessions were invaluable. I knew where to focus my studying efforts and I passed without too much stress!"

-Graduated Student

"CSI provided a warm, fun atmosphere for me to get to know my fellow grad school classmates and my professors, while fostering an expectation of excellence, service and achievement necessary to be successful in my future field."

-First Year Counseling Student

