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**INVITATION TO THE CERTIFICATE COURSE IN GUIDANCE AND
COUSELING BY ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY MANILA**

This Office informs all concerned that the St. Paul University Manila invites interested parties, teaching personnel, and related entities to the Certificate Course in Guidance and Counseling, that will commence on September 5, 2026, and will conclude in December 2026.

Attached herewith is a letter from Sr. Felicitas Bernardo, SPC, Dean, Graduate School – Education and Liberal Arts, St. Paul University Manila, for further details and inquiries.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Advisory is desired.

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADVISORY AND INVITATION TO THE CERTIFICATE COURSE IN GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING BY ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY MANILA

Dear **SDS VIOLETA:**

This communication is respectfully transmitted to request the issuance of an official Advisory for the widespread dissemination and invitation of interested parties, teaching personnel, and related entities to the Certificate Course in Guidance and Counseling offered by St. Paul University Manila.

The aforementioned academic offering is an 18-unit program specifically structured to capacitate educational professionals in responsive school-based guidance and mental health programs. Eligibility for admission requires prospective applicants to hold any Bachelor's degree from a CHED-recognized Philippine higher education institution. To accommodate the operational schedules of working professionals, the coursework will be delivered via an online modality, utilizing both synchronous and asynchronous sessions during weekends. The academic calendar for this course is slated to commence on September 5, 2026, and will conclude in December 2026.

The comprehensive curriculum is distributed across essential disciplines, comprising the following modules:

- Foundations of Guidance and Counseling
- Counseling Theories, Tools and Techniques
- Psychological Assessment
- Organization and Administration of Guidance Services
- Group Process and Program Development
- Career Development and Counseling

Completion of this institutional program strictly aligns with the competency requirements for the School Counselor Associate position, as stipulated under CSC Resolution No. 2600920. Furthermore, it serves as a definitive pathway for educators pursuing further administrative studies or official licensure in the field of Guidance and Counseling.

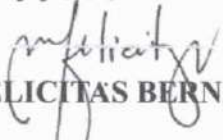
In view of the imperative to strengthen student support systems and psychological interventions across the basic education sector, we formally request the issuance of an agency advisory to cascade this program to the field offices.

For technical details, documentary requirements, and structured payment schedules, interested individuals are directed to coordinate directly with St. Paul University Manila through the following official channels:

- **Admissions Portal:** <https://college.spumanila.edu.ph/>
- **Email:** admissions@spumanila.edu.ph
- **Contact Number:** (0917) 182 2910

For your favorable consideration and immediate action.

Very truly yours,


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