

COUNSELING AND PROFESSIONALISM IN NIGERIA: AN INSIGHT

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ABSTRACT

This paper examined the fate of contemporary graduate counsellors in the Nigerian society. Professionalism enhances the status and legal dominion of an occupation by its members and those in the practice, to have control over the members and bringing about an enhancement of their status in that society. This paper x-trace the historical antecedents of counselling in the traditional African society and summarized the features of her healing process. It lists the characteristics of a profession and the extent to which counselling in Nigeria meet these features where it concluded that, counselling is not yet fully professional. This paper, however, recommended the review of the counselling syllabus. It should be made to reflect all the counselling needs of other professions and the sensitization of the program, through the social media.

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