Psychology PhD, Clinical Community Psychology Emphasis

The Clinical Psychology program has been fully accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1977 and is patterned upon the scientist-practitioner model of clinical training. Students are not considered for admission on a part-time basis. Through the medium of courses, practicums, and research experiences, this emphasis area prepares Clinical Psychologists for careers in research, teaching, and clinical practice.

Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the general admission requirements of the Graduate School, applicants should have completed undergraduate courses at minimum in general psychology, psychological statistics, and research methods. Each doctoral program has additional admission requirements specific to that program.

The Application Deadline for the Clinical Psychology Program is January 15.

Teaching and Research Assistantships

Stipends for teaching and research assistantships are available for the doctoral programs only.

Degree Requirements

Students in the Clinical Psychology program participate for three years in the Psychology Department's Community Psychological Services clinic. This facility provides psychological services to the public and consultation to outside agencies. Students also receive clinical experience in clerkships and during a full-time, year-long internship. Research requirements include an initial independent research project, a major critical review of research in a specialty area, and a dissertation.

The Clinical Psychology graduate program is accredited by the American Psychological Association and the course offerings fulfill specific training domains associated with APA accreditation.

I. Broad-based foundation of knowledge and conceptual skills necessary for psychological research and practice.

The following courses address this goal:

- PSYCH 5465 Seminar: Behavioral Neuroscience 3
- PSYCH 5468 Seminar: Cognitive Processes 3
- PSYCH 6466 Seminar: Developmental Psychology 3
- PSYCH 7403 Psychopathology 3
- PSYCH 7412 Social Psychology 3
- PSYCH 7405 History and Systems in Psychology 3

II. Trained to evaluate and conduct methodologically sound research of potential benefit to the practice of psychology.

- PSYCH 7421 Quantitative Methods I 4
- PSYCH 7422 Quantitative Methods II 4

III. Training in multiple approaches to assessment and treatment that is theory-based and research-supported.

- PSYCH 7404 Introduction to Clinical Assessment I 4
- PSYCH 7406 Introduction to Clinical Assessment II 4
- PSYCH 7430 Introduction to Clinical Skills 1
- PSYCH 7434 Foundations of Clinical Interventions 3
- PSYCH 7442 Seminar: Cognitive and Behavioral Interventions 3
- PSYCH 7439 Summer Supervision (3 semesters) 3
- PSYCH 7433 Clerkship in Clinical Psychology (6 semesters) 6
- PSYCH 7431 Clinical Supervision (7 semesters) 19
- PSYCH 7450 Clinical Internship I (2 semesters) 2
- PSYCH 7451 Clinical Internship II 1
- Choose 3 courses from offerings that may include: 9
  - PSYCH 7447 Trauma and Recovery
  - PSYCH 6415 Seminar in Health Psychology & Behavioral Medicine
  - PSYCH 6410 Gender, Sexuality, and Mental Health
  - PSYCH 7419 Existential Issues in Clinical Psychology
  - PSYCH 5407 Psychopharmacology
  - PSYCH 5001 Neuropsychological Assessment

IV. Develop a firm basis for ethical decision-making and adherence to professional standards of conduct in research and practice.

- PSYCH 7432 Ethics and Professional Issues 3

V. Develop and display sensitivity and adaptability in the applications of research, assessment and treatment approaches to diverse populations.

- PSYCH 6448 Multicultural Issues in Clinical Psychology 3