

Clinical Psychology M.S.



The Master's degree in Clinical Psychology is designed to prepare students to become highly competent Christian mental health professionals who wish to develop a solid foundation in the theoretical, applied and independent clinical practice of general assessment and therapy of children, adolescents and adults. This degree is designed to meet Texas Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA) academic requirements and meet other state licensure academic requirements for selected master degree type of licensure. Students seeking state licensure should check acceptance by any state other than Texas.





Getting Started

If a student has not completed a Bachelor's degree in a Behavioral Science field, and or has not taken all of the undergraduate prerequisite domain courses in psychology listed below, they must do so, with a minimum grade of a B, before starting graduate level work in the Clinical Psychology program.

- *Statistics*
- *Developmental Psychology*
- *Abnormal Psychology*
- *Social Psychology*
- *Biopsychology or Physiological Psychology*
- *Psychological Testing*
- Two of the Following: *Theories of Personality, Learning Theories or History and Systems of Psychology*

Course Delivery Options

The majority of the psychology courses are offered both on-line & on-campus. There are a handful of these classes that must be taken on-campus to meet academic requirements for state licensure purposes.



On-Campus Required Courses

On-campus required courses, delivered as such for Texas LPA academic requirements, include the following (24 of the 63 credit hours required for Clinical Psychology with the remaining online course listed in the graduate catalog).

- *Tests and Assessment*
- *Biological Basis of Behavior*
- *Cognitive Assessment*
- *Objective Personality Assessment*
- *Clinical Psychopathology*
- *Advanced Psychopathology and Treatment Planning*
- *Methods of Group Counseling*
- *Child and Adolescent Assessment and Treatment Planning*

Choose from Either

The General Clinical Track

*Select four of the following
courses*

- *Marriage and Family
Counseling*
- *Psychopharmacology*
- *Methods of Group
Counseling*
- *Addictions Counseling*
- *Crisis Intervention*
- *Child and Adolescent
Assessment and Treatment
Planning*



The Play Therapy Track

*Leads to Certification as Play
Therapist*

- *Introduction to Play Therapy*
- *Play Therapy with Varied
Populations and Techniques*
- *Advanced Play Therapy*
- *Families, Parents and
Teachers in the Play Therapy
Process*



Course Scheduling

While planning your course schedule, please keep in mind:

- On-campus courses during the fall and spring semesters meet once a week, Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, at 6:30–9:30pm.
- On-campus courses during the summer are offered as two-week intensive sessions. Class lectures meet for a four-hour period daily (Mon–Fri) per course: 8 am–12 pm, 1 pm–5 pm, and 6pm–10pm. Students use the rest of the summer to complete the coursework. In this way, a student can meet the on-campus lecture requirement for up to three courses maximum per summer.
- Summer online courses, while shorter in duration, still follow the same schedule as fall and spring online courses.



Course Progression

Course prerequisites within the Clinical Psychology degree plan include the following.

- *Statistics* is prerequisite to *Psychological Methods & Research Design*
- *Clinical Psychopathology* is prerequisite to *Advanced Psychopathology & Treatment Planning*
- *Tests & Assessment* is prerequisite to both *Cognitive Assessment* and *Objective Personality Assessment*

Staying in Contact

It is highly recommended that you stay in contact with your program coordinator at the beginning of each semester to aid you in the course selection process. They will have access to the projected course rotations and help you develop and maintain a personalized degree plan that matches your desired pace in relation to anticipated required course offerings.



Practicums

PSY6943 Practicum in Clinical Psychology* This practicum experience is necessary to meet the established criteria for state licensing requirements. This beginning practicum consists of 225 hours of basic practicum. Practicum experience is usually conducted at local mental health centers, hospitals or clinics but may be done at any setting in which the graduate student is supervised by a licensed psychologist. Each basic practicum should include experience in clinical interviewing, case development, mental health collaboration and testing. Graduate students must meet with their faculty advisor during the subject. Prerequisites include *PSY5153*, *PSY5243*, *PSY5433*, *PSY5743*, *PSY5213*, *PSY5533*, *PSY5543*, and *PSY6123*.

PSY6953 Advanced Practicum in Clinical Psychology* This is the second part of the practicum experience and consists of more advanced skill and knowledge with another 225 required hours. Further focus is provided by a licensed psychologist supervisor in the areas of assessment, therapy, collaboration, ethical practice, consultation, cultural sensitivity, and psychoeducation. Clinical knowledge and skill is developed which includes case conceptualization, write-ups, and general clinical skill building that enhances a therapist's ability to relate to clients. Clinical supervision over therapeutic intervention is provided along with skill building in consultation networking and collaboration. The prerequisite to this course is *PSY6943*.

*A background check & specific insurance coverage is also required



Comprehensive Exams

Graduate Clinical Psychology students must complete a Comprehensive Examination consisting of three parts, i.e. objective, essay and oral exams. The objective and essay parts of the Comprehensive Examination are completed during the Graduate Capstone subject toward the end of the completion of all their graduate subject requirements. A *Comprehensive Exam Course* will be uploaded with the objective part of the exam to be completed on Blackboard with instructions outlined by the Graduate Program Coordinator in Clinical Psychology. Each portion of the Comprehensive Examination should be scheduled through the Graduate Program Coordinator in Clinical Psychology. From the very beginning of the program, it would be wise for graduate students in this field to save all coursework and syllabi in preparation for the three-part examination. Furthermore, it is important that they pay close attention to the information provided in the Graduate Capstone subject regarding the major domains in psychology.

Current Behavioral Science Leaders

Behavioral Science Department Chair

- Department Chair- Dr. Mike Clarensau
- Assistant Department Chair- Dr. John Savell

Program Coordinators

- Clinical Mental Health Counseling - Dr. Nolan Jones
- Clinical Psychology - Dr. William Armistead
- Human Services Counseling - Dr. John Savell



Encouragement

from the Program Coordinator

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Science program in Clinical Psychology at SAGU. This is a great place to learn in an atmosphere of Christian caregiving, discipleship and fellowship. The Southwestern graduate program in Clinical Psychology allows you to become professionally prepared by understanding and applying the science of psychology utilizing a biopsychospiritual perspective in working with the needs, struggles and stresses of others in everyday life. You will learn how to assess psychological problems and utilize endorsed and evidence-based interventions within a framework of Biblically-based and spiritually-grounded foundations taking into account the fact that humans are made in the image of God. As a university we are committed to help students become servant-leaders and function as caregivers who reflect our core values to include community wellness and missions mindedness. The Clinical Psychology program is designed to enrich your life and the lives of others by helping you learn to critically evaluate and utilize research driven knowledge as well as how to resolve difficulties, strengthen resilience, and develop a spiritually and mentally healthy lifestyle based on a sound biblical foundation. May you have much success as you pursue this degree.

William P. Armistead, Ph.D., LP

Professor and Coordinator

Graduate Clinical Psychology

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Notes



Harrison Graduate School

COURSE OFFERINGS - Behavioral Sciences & Community Services Department

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MS Clinical Psychology	Fa'21	Sp'22	Su'22	Fa'22	Sp'23	Su'23	Fa'23	Sp'24	Su'24	Fa'24	Sp'25	Su'25
PSY5153 Professional Orientation, Ethical and Legal Issues	DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE	
PSY5173 Human Growth and Life Span Development		DE			DE	DE		DE			DE	DE
PSY5193 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy	DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE	
PSY5213 Biological Basis of Behavior		OC/DE				DE		OC/DE				DE
PSY5243 Methods and Techniques in Counseling		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE
PSY5283 Social and Cultural Diversity	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE
PSY5433 Tests and Assessment	DE		DE	DE			DE		DE	DE		
PSY5533 Cognitive Assessment (OC only)			OC ^M		OC				OC ^M		OC	
PSY5543 Objective Personality Assessment (OC only)		OC				OC ^M		OC				OC ^M
PSY5553 Advanced Learning Theory and Applications			DE		DE				DE		DE	
PSY5713 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	DE			DE			DE			DE		
PSY5733 Psychological Methods and Research Design		DE			DE			DE			DE	
PSY5743 Clinical Psychopathology (OC only)	OC		OC ^M	OC			OC		OC ^M	OC		
PSY5813 Practicum in Counseling Psychology	OC-DE	OC-DE	OC-DE									
PSY5823 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology	OC-DE	OC-DE	OC-DE									
PSY6123 Advanced Psychopathology & Treatment Planning (OC only)		OC			OC	OC ^M		OC			OC	OC ^M
PSY6923 Capstone in Clinical Psychology	DE	DE		DE	OC-DE		DE	DE		DE	OC-DE	
PSY6943 Practicum in Clinical Psychology	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE
PSY6953 Advanced Practicum in Clinical Psychology	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE

COU5613 Intro to Play Therapy												
COU5223 Counseling Children and Adolescents	DE			DE			DE			DE		
COU5633 Play Therapy w/Variied Populations and Techniques			DE			DE			DE			DE
COU5653 Advanced Play Therapy		OC			OC			OC			OC	
COU5673 Families, Parents, and Teachers in the Play Therapy Room			DE			DE			DE			DE
PSY5273 Marriage and Family Counseling	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE
PSY5353 Methods of Group Counseling	DE		DE			DE	DE		DE			DE

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PSY5363 Addictions Counseling	DE			DE			DE			DE		
PSY5563 Crisis Intervention		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE		DE	DE
PSY5343 Psychopharmacology						DE						DE
PSY5633 Child and Adolescent Assessment & Treatment Planning*			OC ^M						OC ^M			