CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

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 and applied clinical practice of general assessment and counseling of children, adolescents and adults.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Integrate and apply sound psychological and theological principles in such a way as to demonstrate respect to both disciplines.
2. Become knowledgeable of many theoretical approaches to clinical diagnosis and treatment along with a knowledge of the characteristics and functions of the doctoral level clinical psychologist as a collaborative mental health team member and professional in various health care settings.
3. Demonstrate an ability to utilize selected psychological tools in the evaluation of the individual from a bio-psychosocial perspective.
4. Demonstrate advanced understanding and skill regarding the diagnosis, assessment, prognosis and treatment of mental disorders including severe and persistent mental illness.
5. Demonstrate advanced knowledge and skill in psychological research.

Program Entrance Requirements

1. The applicant must hold an undergraduate degree in psychology, counseling, social work, human services, or behavioral science area. The undergraduate degree should include undergraduate courses in research and/or statistics and abnormal psychology.
2. Applicants showing deficits in psychology as noted by the subjects below and not having successfully met the above requirements must successfully complete undergraduate prerequisite courses in psychology to include:
   - PSY 2323 Developmental Psychology
   - PSY 2413 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences —or—
     - PSY 4313 Behavioral Science Research
   - PSY 3313 Abnormal Psychology
   - PSY 3453 Social Psychology
   - PSY 4333 Introduction to Psychological Tests and Measurements
   - PSY 4343 Introduction to Biopsychology
   2 from the following:
     - PSY 3333 Theories of Personality
     - PSY 3463 Theories and Principles of Learning
     - PSY 4113 History and Systems of Psychology
3. Applicants must submit a well written typed essay of at least 3 pages in APA style describing their interests and objectives along with professional career goals for pursuing a degree in clinical psychology.
4. In addition to the above requirements, applicants must provide completion of the graduate clinical psychology letters of recommendation forms and any attached letters of recommendation to these forms required for general admission plus completion of an additional letter of recommendation form from a licensed professional in the mental health or behavioral science field attesting to the prospective student’s character and ability to complete graduate studies.
5. Prospective students who show significant deficits in undergraduate psychology subjects or have an undergraduate degree that is not considered part of the behavioral health or human services
degrees mentioned above must complete the department’s psychology major studies exam with a minimum score of 70 or above, or submit the GRE Psychological Subject Test Results of at least a score of 70 or above. Should the student fail to make the minimum score on one of these, the department may require them to retake the exam, pick up additional courses in the areas they scored low, or take the Advanced General Psychology undergraduate course during their first semester. Prospective students should also provide scores on the GRE or MAT preferably before enrolling, but no later than the end of their first semester.

6. Selection criteria vary according to graduate program, although the student may be provisionally admitted or enroll as non-degree seeking for up to 12 hours pending further admission review. Selection is based on multiple factors including a grade point average of 3.0 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. Students who have lower than a 3.0 GPA may be required to take additional undergraduate subjects depending on the review by the graduate psychology faculty. All students must subscribe to graduate school general admission requirements as well as interview with clinical psychology program faculty. Pending review by program faculty of the student’s past academic coursework and performance, GPA, essay, GRE or MAT score, letters of recommendation, and program faculty interview, a determination will be made on whether the applicant is admitted, provisionally admitted, or not admitted.

Formal Program Admittance
By the time the student completes twelve hours in the Graduate School, the faculty in Counseling Psychology will complete an evaluation of the student’s ability to integrate graduate experience cognitively, clinically and spiritually. Upon successful completion of this evaluation, students gain formal admittance into the Counseling Psychology academic program.

Graduation Requirement
Students must apply for graduation and successfully pass the Graduate Comprehensive Examinations prior to being approved for graduation from the Registrar’s office. Application for graduation must be made by the end of late registration in the semester in which the student anticipates to graduate. In order to qualify for a specific graduation date, graduating students must have all program and course requirements completed. Contact the Graduate School Office and the Registrar’s Office for more information.

Special Insurance Requirement
All students enrolled in Counseling Psychology courses that involve student counseling (individual or group) are required to purchase and show proof of having liability insurance. Contact the Graduate Chair of the Counseling Psychology program for additional information.
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RESEARCH COMPONENT: 3 hours
PSY 5733 Psychological Methods and Research Design

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT: 39 hours
COU 5113 Ethical and Legal Issues
COU 5213 Methods and Techniques in Counseling
PSY 5143 Integrative Issues in the Behavioral Sciences
PSY 5323 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
PSY 5343 Psychopharmacology
PSY 5513 Human Growth and Life Span Development
PSY 5523 Tests and Assessment
PSY 5533 Cognitive Assessment
PSY 5543 Objective Personality Assessment
PSY 5613 Cognitive Behavior and Therapy
PSY 5623 Clinical Psychopathology
PSY 5713 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
PSY 6123 Advanced Psychopathology and Treatment Planning

PRACTICUM COMPONENT: 6 hours - 300 Clock hours
PSY 5813 Practicum in Counseling Psychology
PSY 5823 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 48