

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (PHD)

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Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychological Science

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/intro/>) (GA)

Program Website (<http://louisville.edu/psychology/graduate/clinical/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): CPSYPHD

Program Information

Mission Statement

The mission of the Clinical Psychological Science Doctoral Program at the University of Louisville is to produce scientist-practitioners who are:

- Competent to conduct and evaluate research;
- Competent in implementing research-supported practice;
- Ethical and professional in their relationships with clients, students, and colleagues; and
- Prepared to be professionals in a diverse world.

General Information

The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, in the university's College of Arts and Sciences, offers PhD programs in Clinical Psychological Science and Psychological Science. We do not offer any terminal master's degree programs in our department.

The Clinical Psychological Science PhD program usually requires five years of full-time coursework, research, and clinical activities. Each student must also complete a one-year approved internship, typically in their sixth year. Students are required to complete a Master's Research Portfolio. After completion of the Master's Portfolio, students write the preliminary examination and then move on to dissertation work. A dissertation proposal must be defended by October 1 in the year the student intends to apply for an internship.

Financial support for graduate students in the PhD program is available in the form of teaching and research assistantships, University Fellowships, Scholarships, and placements in community service settings.

Accreditation

The Clinical Psychological Science PhD program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation

750 First Street, NE

Admission Requirements

The Clinical Psychological Science PhD Program application deadline is December 1.

Completed graduate applications should be submitted online (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/>) to the University of Louisville, Graduate School. For additional information regarding the admissions application students may call the Graduate School at (502) 852-6495.

Our PhD programs admit students to begin in the fall semester, with a usual start date of August 1. Applicants must provide the following:

1. All applicants for whom English is a second language must also submit official TOEFL scores of 79 or higher on the internet-based test, 213 or higher on the computer-based test. English proficiency can also be met by submitting official IELTS scores of at least 6.5 overall band score from the academic module exam or official Duolingo overall score of 105. Students holding a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited institution in the United States may be exempt from this requirement.
2. Transcripts of college records from all schools attended must be submitted to the Graduate School. Students must have earned an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university.
3. Three letters of recommendation from academic sources are required and must be submitted to the Graduate School.

Application materials are available online (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/>) and additional information can be found here (<https://louisville.edu/psychology/graduate/clinical/apply/>).

The Clinical Psychological Science PhD curriculum contains department/general core courses, clinical core courses, and other required courses in areas such as diversity and history. The curriculum closely follows guidelines for accreditation established and maintained by the American Psychological Association's Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation (<https://accreditation.apa.org/>).

General Core

Code	Title	Hours
Area A: Cognitive Aspects of Behavior		
PSYC 620 or PSYC 621	Human Learning Cognitive Processes	3
Area B: Biological Aspects of Behavior		
PSYC 642 or PSYC 643 or PSYC 645	Behavioral Neuroscience Principles of Neuroscience Cognitive Neuroscience	3
Area C		
PSYC 670	Advanced Social Psychology	3
PSYC 661	Advanced Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 673	Advanced Personality Theory	3

Area D: Statistical Analysis

PSYC 610	Advanced Statistics I	6
& PSYC 611	Advanced Statistics II	
Minimum Total General Core Hours		21

Clinical Core

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 656	Professional and Ethical Issues in Clinical Psychology	3
PSYC 679 & PSYC 680	Introduction to Assessment and Clinical Skills Intellectual and Cognitive Assessment	6
PSYC 683	Advanced Research Methods in Psychology	3
PSYC 684	Psychological Interventions	3
PSYC 685	Clinical Psychology Practicum (multiple semesters) ¹	6
PSYC 686	Assessment Practicum	1
PSYC 689	Clinical Psychopathology	3
PSYC 693	Interviewing Skills Practicum	3
PSYC 694	Supervision Practicum	1
Minimum Total Clinical Core Hours		29

Other Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 601	History of Modern Psychology	3
Culture & Diversity		3

Students are required to complete one graduate course in culture and diversity. This course is typically taken in the department but can be taken in another department with consent of the Director of Clinical Training.

Seminar	3
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Students are required to complete a minimum of one graduate seminar offered within the department. A seminar/course offered in other departments may be considered to fulfill this requirement with the consent of the Director of Clinical Training.

Research	6
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Students will complete six (6) research credit hours for the master's degree (PSYC 603). Students will complete at least five (5) research credit hours of independent study (PSYC 604 and/or PSYC 605). Students may also complete dissertation (PSYC 701) credit hours.

Clinical Internship	0
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Students will complete a one-year approved internship (PSYC 795 - Fall, Spring, Summer)

Minimum Total Other Hours	20
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MINIMUM TOTAL HOURS	70
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verify that the requirements have not changed recently and to answer any questions especially those regarding additional requirements beyond the degree.

More information about certification or licensure is available at the following website: <https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information> (<https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information/>) (you may search by school or by the name of the program then click on 'View Details' to display the information).

¹ A minimum of six (6) cumulative credit hours are required for the PhD; students are expected to have an **annual minimum** of 160 direct contact hours in order to fulfill this requirement. Students get additional contact hours when they do external practicum placements (PSYC 785).

The Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology program prepares students to meet the requirements for certification and/or licensure. If you plan to pursue professional licensure or certification you should first determine your state's criteria for examination and licensure to see how/if our program meets those requirements prior to enrollment. We recommend that you also contact your state's licensing board directly to