CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY - PH.D.

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Description
The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Clinical Psychology prepares students to conduct research, to serve on college and university faculties, and to provide a range of clinical services. The program adheres to the Clinical Scientist model of education and training, which is founded on the idea that the practice of psychology should be based on the science of psychology, and that practicing psychologists should be able to translate clinical observation into researchable questions and pursue new knowledge on the basis of their observations. Students are expected to develop an area of special expertise in research, and opportunities for specialized clinical training are offered. In addition to general training in clinical psychology, students may receive specialized research and clinical training in one of the following areas: Adult Psychopathology; Assessment; Child; Health; or Neuropsychology.

Accreditation
American Psychological Association

FULLY OFFERED AT:
• Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
Applications for admission are accepted only from holders of at least baccalaureate who aspire to the doctorate. It is limited to students whose records clearly indicate both scholarly and research potential to do doctoral-level work.

The Ph.D. requires a broad undergraduate preparation; research experience; junior-senior scholastic GPA average of 3.0; and 18 credit hours in psychology, which include a course in statistics and a broad background in psychology. Students also must submit a statement of goals and motivations for pursuing a career in psychology, official transcript(s), scores from the Graduate Record Examination, and three letters of recommendation.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 587 TOEFL score (94 on the Internet-based version), minimum 82 MELAB score, minimum 7.0 IELTS score or minimum 65 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website. Effective spring 2018.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

Graduation Requirements
The doctoral program requires a minimum of four years of full-time attendance for holders of the baccalaureate degree. All doctoral students in psychology (regardless of area of specialization) complete a program of basic core courses and clinical practica, select additional courses and seminars with the aid of a faculty advisor, and complete a doctoral dissertation. A limited number of graduate courses outside the department may be credited toward graduation. No 50000-level psychology courses may be applied to the degree program for psychology majors.

Clinical psychology students must complete a supervised traineeship in a faculty-approved mental health facility outside the department, which involves a minimum of 1,000 hours. Additionally, a 2,000-hour internship in a setting approved by the American Psychological Association is required.

The program requires full-time continuous enrollment including summers.

Candidacy
Students who have been admitted into the doctoral program will be considered for Ph.D. candidacy after they have met all requirements for the M.A. and have passed a qualifying examination in a major area of specialization in psychology. In addition, the department reserves the right to separate from the program a student who, in the opinion of a duly constituted departmental committee, is not likely to succeed professionally despite earning acceptable grades. Proficiency in a foreign language is not a requirement for a doctoral degree in psychology.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:
1. Demonstrate competencies in research methodologies specific to their area of interest.
2. Demonstrate competencies in teaching undergraduate courses.
3. Demonstrate competencies in providing psychological assessment and treatment services.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Additional Program Electives ³  29
Minimum Total Credit Hours:  113

1  PSYC 71894 is required for students who teach starting their 3rd year.
2  The graduate programs in psychology are strongly research-oriented. Students are encouraged to become engaged in a variety of research projects. Students must complete a doctoral dissertation.
3  PSYC 81498 can be used to partially satisfy Additional Program Electives.

- The Department of Psychological Sciences will permit the waiving of Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program coursework if supported by appropriate graduate-level coursework for post-master’s students admitted to the program. Students may graduate from the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program with less than 113 credit hours but no less than 98 total credit hours.
- Field placement and internship: Students must also complete at least 1000 hours of field placement in a departmentally-arranged site, and a full-time APA-accredited internship of a calendar year’s duration.