

# CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY - PH.D.

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## Description

The Ph.D. degree 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.

## Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

## Accreditation

The Ph.D. degree in Clinical Psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum junior-senior 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- 18 credit hours in psychology, including a course in statistics
- Broad background in psychology
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 82 MELAB score

- Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
- Minimum 65 PTE score

Admission to the Ph.D. degree is limited to students whose records clearly indicate both scholarly and research potential to do doctoral-level work. For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

## 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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSYC 70105	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
PSYC 70192	INTEGRATION PRACTICUM	3
PSYC 70272	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT	3
PSYC 70273	ADVANCED PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT:ADULT	3
PSYC 70324	PROFESSIONAL ISSUES AND ETHICS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 70371	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPY	3
PSYC 70392	SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE	2
PSYC 70592	PRACTICUM IN DIAGNOSTIC INTERVIEWING	3
PSYC 70792	PSYCHOTHERAPY PRACTICUM	3
PSYC 71651	QUANTITATIVE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS I	3
PSYC 71654	QUANTITATIVE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS II	3
PSYC 71685	CLINICAL RESEARCH METHODS	3
PSYC 71894	COLLEGE TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY <sup>1</sup>	3
PSYC 72392	CLINICAL PRACTICUM	9
PSYC 72492	ADVANCED PRACTICUM	7
PSYC 81199	DISSERTATION I <sup>2</sup>	30
Additional Program Electives <sup>3</sup>		29
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		113

- <sup>1</sup> PSYC 71894 is required for students who teach starting their third year.
- <sup>2</sup> Doctoral candidates, upon admission to candidacy, must register for PSYC 81199 for a total of 30 hours. It is expected that doctoral candidates will continuously register for PSYC 81199, and thereafter PSYC 81299, each semester, including one term each summer, until all requirements for the degree have been met.
- <sup>3</sup> 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. PSYC 81498 can be used to partially satisfy additional program electives.

## Candidacy Requirement

- 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. degree and have passed a qualifying examination in a major area of specialization in psychology.
- The Department of Psychological Sciences 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 the Ph.D. degree.

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## Graduation Requirements

- The program requires full-time continuous enrollment, including summers.
- Post-baccalaureate students are required to complete a minimum of four years of full-time attendance.
- All Ph.D. candidates (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.
- 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 over a calendar year's duration.
- The Department of Psychological Sciences will permit the waiving of program coursework if supported by appropriate graduate-level coursework for post-master's students admitted to the program. Students may earn the Ph.D. degree with less than 113 credit hours but no less than 98 total credit hours.