DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PSYCHOLOGY WITH SPECIALIZATION IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

107 credit hours minimum
Comprehensive exam
Dissertation and oral defense
Internship (one year, full-time)

The Ph.D. program with specialization in clinical psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association. Completion typically requires six to seven years of study beyond the bachelor’s degree, including a one year full-time internship. Students with prior graduate work may receive advanced credit. The program follows the scientist-practitioner model and emphasizes an integration of clinical practice and applied clinical research. Working with a faculty mentor, students begin research work their first year. Students complete three years of 15-20 hour/week practicum training that includes a wide variety of assessment and treatment experiences with a broad range of clients, including minority and underserved populations. Training sites include medical centers, community mental health centers, and clinics throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Clinical supervision is provided both on-site and at the university. All students complete an APA-accredited internship. The program prepares students to be license-eligible in the state of Illinois and most other states. Graduates typically function as practitioners and researchers in medical centers and multi-disciplinary clinical settings.

Curriculum

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology Common Requirements
All Ph.D. students must complete the sequence of PSYC 501, PSYC 502, PSYC 503, and PSYC 504 with a minimum of “B” average and no more than one “C” in these four courses.

All students are expected to show competency in methodology and research design, as well as in the specific content of their program areas. Before beginning dissertation research, a student must present a dissertation proposal for approval by a committee of the faculty. The final requirement of the Ph.D. program is an oral examination restricted to defense of the dissertation and conducted by a committee nominated by the department and appointed by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Specialization in Clinical Psychology Requirements

Foundational Courses
PSYC 501    Biological Bases of Behavior  3
PSYC 502    Social Bases of Behavior  3
PSYC 503    Learning and Cognition  3
PSYC 504    Individual and Cultural Differences  3
PSYC 505    History and Systems of Psychology  3
PSYC 540    Research Methods  3
PSYC 545    Graduate Statistics I  3
PSYC 546    Graduate Statistics II  3
PSYC 554    Survey of Multivariate Statistics  3

Base Clinical Courses
PSYC 508    Ethics and Professional Issues I  2
PSYC 509    Ethics and Professional Issues II  1
PSYC 523    Theories of Psychotherapy  3
PSYC 525    Developmental Psychopathology  3
PSYC 526    Psychopathology  3

Clinical Practice Courses
PSYC 506    Therapy I  3
PSYC 507    Therapy II  3
PSYC 510    Clinical Assessment I  3
PSYC 512    Clinical Assessment II  3
PSYC 533    Clinical Practicum  4
PSYC 599    Clinical Internship  2

Elective Courses
(15)
Some offerings in recent years: health psychology, affective disorders, neuropsychological assessment, eating and
weight disorders, assessment and treatment of young children, child cognitive development, psychology of sport,
performance and health, structural equation modeling psychometric theory, hierarchical linear models.

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