

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PSYCHOLOGY WITH SPECIALIZATION IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

96 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. 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

The four-course core psychology sequence (PSYC 501, PSYC 502, PSYC 503, and PSYC 504) constitutes the Ph.D. qualifying exam. All Ph.D. in Psychology students must complete these four courses within the first two years in the program 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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Foundational Courses</b>		<b>(30)</b>
PSYC 501	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PSYC 502	Social Bases of Behavior	3
PSYC 503	Cognitive and Affective Bases	3
PSYC 504	Individual & Cultural Differences	3
PSYC 505	History and Systems of Psychology	3
PSYC 511	Psychometric Theory	3
PSYC 540	Research Methods	3
PSYC 545	Graduate Statistics I	3
PSYC 546	Graduate Statistics II	3
PSYC 554	Survey/Multivariate Statistics	3
<b>Base Clinical Courses</b>		<b>(9)</b>
PSYC 508	Ethics and Professional Issues I	2
PSYC 509	Ethics and Professional Issues II	1
PSYC 525	Developmental Psychopathology	3
PSYC 526	Psychopathology	3
<b>Clinical Practice Courses</b>		<b>(18)</b>
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
<b>Elective Courses</b>		<b>(9)</b>

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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. 9

**Master's Research Courses Applied to Elective Credit (6)**

PSYC 591 Research and Thesis M.S. <sup>1</sup> 6

**Doctoral Research (24)**

PSYC 691 Research and Thesis Ph.D. <sup>2</sup> 24

**Minimum degree credits required: 96**

<sup>1</sup> Students entering the program with a prior earned Master of Science degree in psychology with an empirically-based thesis may qualify for a waiver of the PSYC 591 thesis requirement (six credit hours). Please contact your academic adviser for more details.

<sup>2</sup> Up to three PSYC 600 credits can be substituted for PSYC 691 credits.