

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PSYD

Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Clinical Psychology

The Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (PsyD) program trains practitioner-scholar psychologists in a broad range of clinical settings, with an emphasis on a holistic approach to interdisciplinary care and service to diverse and underserved populations. In this American Psychological Association accredited program, the curriculum is oriented in cognitive-behavioral theory and empirically supported treatments addressing the most current developments in psychology, while enhancing learning through practical clinical applications. The program emphasizes professional self-reflection, attention to diversity, advocacy and social justice.

The learning in the first two years of the Clinical PsyD program is through didactic courses that cover the scientific and clinical foundations of the discipline, with inclusion of experiential components, labs for skills training, and interprofessional education. Use of standardized patient actors provides a means for gaining formative feedback on the integration of didactic and clinical skills. Completion of the first two portions of the comprehensive examination makes students eligible to begin the dissertation process. Fieldwork and seminar experiences in the third and fourth years enable the student to integrate knowledge of theory and research in practicum experience. During this time, students are also mentored through the dissertation process. Successful completion of the first three years of coursework and comprehensive examinations confers doctoral candidate status on the PsyD student, who may then proceed to internship. Upon completion of the comprehensive examinations and admission to doctoral candidacy, students are awarded a master of science in clinical psychology.

The internship provides the clinical psychology doctoral student with an intensive, yearlong, supervised work experience to develop, practice and integrate new clinical skills. It represents the culmination of the doctoral experience, the last practical training step before earning a doctorate in psychology. All students are required to apply to APA-accredited and APPIC internships. Graduates of the PsyD program qualify for the Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) for partial fulfillment of the requirements for professional licensure.

PCOM's PsyD program in Clinical Psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association. For general information about APA accreditation or specific information about the accreditation status of PCOM's Clinical PsyD program, please contact:

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First Year

Term 1	Hours
Fall	
CPSY 102	Doctoral Writing Skills Seminar 0
CPSY 601	Learning Theories 3
CPSY 603	Behavioral Medicine 3

CPSY 622	Ethics in Psychology	3
CPSY 695A	Professional Development Seminar I	1
Hours		10

Term 2

Winter		
CPSY 103	Doctoral Writing Skills Seminar	0
CPSY 608	Social Psychology	3
CPSY 616	Lifespan Development	3
CPSY 624	Research I: Research Design and Methodology	3
CPSY 695B	Professional Development Seminar II	1
Hours		10

Term 3

Spring		
CPSY 104	Doctoral Writing Skills Seminar	0
CPSY 620	Psychopathology	3
CPSY 623	Human Diversity: Multiculturalism and Individual Differences	3
CPSY 625	Research II: Univariate and Multivariate + Lab	4
CPSY 695C	Professional Development Seminar III	1
Hours		11

Second Year

Term 1

Summer		
CPSY 605	History and Systems	3
CPSY 607	Cognitive & Affective Bases of Behavior	3
CPSY 626	Assessment I: Assessing Cognitive Ability	3
CPSY 698A	STEPPS Comprehensive Exam A	0
Hours		9

Term 2

Fall		
CPSY 627	Assessment II: Objective Personality + Lab	3
CPSY 629	Physiological Basis of Behavior	3
CPSY 662	Behavior Therapy	3
CPSY 688A	Integrative Health Care I	1
Hours		10

Term 3

Spring		
CPSY 628	Assessment III: Advanced Topics + Lab	3
CPSY 630	Cognitive Therapy	3
CPSY 688B	Integrative Health Care II	1
CPSY 681	Essay Comprehensive Exam	0
Hours		7

Third Year

Term 1

Summer		
CPSY 652	Practicum I	2
CPSY 698B	STEPPS Comprehensive Exam B	0
Hours		2

Term 2

Fall		
CPSY 653	Practicum II	2

CPSY 661	Administration, Consultation and Supervision: Behavioral Health Care	3
CPSY 674	Research III: Dissertation Development Seminar	2
CPSY 788A	Integrative Behavioral Health Seminar I	1.5
Hours		8.5

Term 3

Spring		
CPSY 654	Practicum III	2
CPSY 674A	Research IV: Method Development and Strategic Planning	2
CPSY 788B	Integrative Behavioral Health Seminar II	1.5
Elective	7 credits of electives to be completed after 2nd year courses are completed. Students choose from various 1, 2, or 3 credit electives.	2
Hours		7.5

Fourth Year

Term 1		
Summer		
CPSY 655	Practicum IV	2
CPSY 698C	STEPPS Comprehensive Exam C	0
Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion.		
Hours		2

Term 2		
Fall		
CPSY 710	Practicum V	2
Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion.		
Elective	7 credits of electives to be completed after 2nd year courses are completed. Students choose from various 1, 2, or 3 credit electives.	2
Hours		4

Term 3		
Spring		
CPSY 711	Practicum VI	2
Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion.		
Elective	7 credits of electives to be completed after 2nd year courses are completed. Students choose from various 1, 2, or 3 credit electives.	3
Hours		5

Fifth Year		
Term 1		
Summer		

CPSY 667	Internship	.5
Students who begin internship placements within 2 weeks or less of the end of the summer term starting year 5 will not register for internship this term. Instead, register for internship starting in fall of year 5 and register for 1 credit/term from fall through summer. A total of 3 credits of internship must be completed over the terms which align with students' internship placements.		

Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion. The credit fee is waived when concurrently enrolled in CPSY 667: Internship.

Hours		0.5
Term 2		
Fall		

CPSY 667	Internship	1
Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion. The credit fee is waived when concurrently enrolled in CPSY 667: Internship.		
Hours		1

Term 3		
Spring		
CPSY 667	Internship	1
Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion. The credit fee is waived when concurrently enrolled in CPSY 667: Internship.		
Hours		1

Sixth Year		
Term 1		
Summer		
CPSY 667	Internship	.5
Students who begin internship placements within 2 weeks or less of the end of the summer term starting year 5 will not register for internship that term. Instead, register for internship starting in fall of year 5 and register for 1 credit/term from fall through summer. A total of 3 credits of internship must be completed over the terms which align with students' internship placements.		

Students who have successfully defended their dissertations will register for CPSY 795: Dissertation Editing until all edits are made to the satisfaction of their dissertation chairs/committees and the final documents are submitted for binding. The fee will be waived for the first term and any term in which students are concurrently enrolled in CPSY 667: Internship; for any subsequent terms, students will be charged for one credit/term until the final documents are submitted for binding. Dissertation Editing credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion.

Hours		0.5
Total Hours		89