

PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL COMMUNITY CONCENTRATION), MASTER OF ARTS

The **Clinical-Community Psychology** concentration is designed for the development of students who wish to study the empirical and theoretical foundations of psychology with application to a variety of urban settings broadly conceived to include community, clinical, and educational institutions. Through a combination of coursework and field experiences, the student is prepared to qualify for positions in mental health and social services agencies, junior and community colleges, or similar functions in business and industry. Alternately, the student may pursue a plan designed to develop research competencies which can be applied toward the investigation of problems of a psychological nature, especially those related to the improvement of life in the urban community.

The Clinical-Community Psychology concentration requires 60 semester credit hours in addition to any undergraduate prerequisites needed. The first year is devoted mainly to preparation in basic foundation areas such as ethics and counseling theory, as well as laboratory work in assessment methods and counseling techniques. During the second year, the concentration includes a combination of academic work and supervised practice (a minimum of 450 clock hours) in an approved agency or institution. Upon completion of the concentration and an acceptable score on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology, students are eligible to apply for licensure as a Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA) from the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC) or from boards in other states which have similar requirements.

Admission to the graduate program in the Department of Psychology is competitive. A student may be admitted to the graduate program if, in the judgment of the faculty, his or her qualifications indicate a strong likelihood of successful completion of the graduate program. It should be noted that not all qualified students can be admitted. Non-psychology majors or minors may be required to take undergraduate prerequisites before being considered for admission to the program. The department considers the entire packet of information in the application for admission. Students are selected on the basis of their total record of academic achievement, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and relevant experience.

Specific requirements are:

1. A minimum overall GPA of 2.75
2. A minimum GPA of 2.75 in psychology coursework
3. Graduate Records Examination (GRE) score
4. Application, vitae/resume, all college transcripts
5. Personal statement
6. Letters of recommendation (3)
7. Application processing fee \$50.00 Resident \$75.00 International
8. An interview with one or more members of the of the department's Admissions Committee.

9. A minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours of undergraduate psychology.

10. If international, a TOEFL score of at least 550 on the paper based test or 213 on the computer based test or 79 on the internet based test is required, an official IELTS score can be submitted in lieu of TOEFL in which case a minimum overall band score of 6.0 is required.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses (p. 1)		45
Concentration Requirements (p. 1)		15
Total Hours		60

CORE Courses¹

Code	Title	Hours
PSY 533	Survey Psy Statistics	3
PSY 539	Human Growth and Development	3
PSY 540	Consultation	3
PSY 541	Psychological Assessment I	3
PSY 542	Learning and Behavior Management	3
PSY 631	Research Design	3
PSY 632	Theories of Counseling and Psychological Interventions	3
PSY 635	Psychological Counseling, Interviewing, and Report Writing	3
PSY 640	Professional Orientation in the Field of Psychology	3
PSY 641	Social, Cultural, and Systemic Bases of Behavior	3
PSY 643	Psychological Assessment II	3
PSY 730	Eth & Legal Issues in Men Hlth	3
PSY 733	Physiological Psychology	3
PSY 735	Practicum	3
PSY 739	Psychopathology	3
Total Hours		45

Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PSY 538	Group Therapy	3
PSY 636	Cognitive Behavior Therapy	3
PSY 736	Practicum	3
PSY 737	Practicum	3
Select one of the following		3
PSY 638	Career Development	
PSY 642	African American Psychology	
COUN 841	Family Counseling	
COUN 852	Addictions Counseling	
Total Hours		15

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Please note that ENG 501 is required if the GRE Analytical Writing score is less than 3.5

The Comprehensive Exam is taken in the 3rd year.

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First Year		
First Semester		
PSY 539	Human Growth and Development	3

PSY 632	Theories of Counseling and Psychological Interventions	3
PSY 730	Eth & Legal Issues in Men Hlth	3
PSY 739	Psychopathology	3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
PSY 533	Survey Psy Statistics	3
PSY 540	Consultation	3
PSY 541	Psychological Assessment I	3
PSY 635	Psychological Counseling, Interviewing, and Report Writing	3
Hours		12
Second Year		
First Semester		
PSY 542	Learning and Behavior Management	3
PSY 641	Social, Cultural, and Systemic Bases of Behavior	3
PSY 643	Psychological Assessment II	3
PSY 735	Practicum	3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
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