DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN THE FIELD OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Offered through the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences’ social and behavioral sciences discipline, the professional psychology program teaches students clinical research methods for new discoveries. Students receive in-depth psychodynamic training that combines extensive practical experience with classes on scientific foundations of psychology taught by seasoned clinicians, scholars, and researchers. Students also study cognitive behavioral, systems, and community consultation approaches. They have opportunities to learn group, family, and short-term interventions and to work in hospital, forensic, and school settings.

The professional psychology program offers a substantive introduction to the basic science aspects of psychology and the skills required of a clinical psychologist. Students take a series of foundation courses outlining biological, cognitive, social, and cultural foundations; basic and more advanced clinical courses, such as psychopathology, group dynamics, assessment, psychotherapy, supervision, and consultation; and research methods, statistics, history, and systems and ethics courses.

The advanced curriculum offers courses tailored within three broad tracks: adult, assessment, and child. In addition to coursework, students work with a diverse patient population at different public and private agencies as well as at the department’s in-house clinic.

Upon completion of curriculum requirements and prior to receiving the PsyD, students perform a one-year, full-time internship.

Visit the program website (https://psych.columbian.gwu.edu/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:

Standardized test scores:

Fall – December 1
GRE general test is required (Institution Code: 5246). The general test only is waived for applicants who hold a J.D., M.D., or Ph.D.
The GRE Subject Test in Psychology is also required for applicants without a degree in psychology.
The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the PsyD. program are:

• Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual score below 6.0; or
• TOEFL: 600 on paper-based or 100 on Internet-based; or
• PTE Academic: 68;

Prerequisite requirements:
A bachelor’s degree in psychology with relevant background and experience, or a master’s degree in psychology.

Recommendations required:
Three (3) recommendations
Prior academic records:

Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission. If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.

Statement of purpose:

In an essay of 250 – 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in clinical psychology. Include your clinical and research interests and your career plans. In addition, as a window on your self-awareness, interpersonal perception, and understanding of other perspectives, in three 250 word essays: 1) describe yourself; 2) describe someone you know well; 3) describe how that person would describe you.

Interview:

An on-campus interview is required.

International applicants only:

Please review International Applicant Information (http://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-applicants/) carefully for details on required documents and English language requirements.

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (http://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate/admissions/faqs/) page.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences – Graduate Admissions Office
The George Washington University

801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 215
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
askccas@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-6210 (phone) ~ 202-994-6213 (fax)
8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).

Satisfactory completion of at least 83 credits of approved graduate coursework. A maximum of 12 credits may be taken in courses offered by the other affiliated members of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area (https://www.consortium.org/). Doctor of psychology students must complete all degree requirements within five years of matriculation in the program.

Successful completion of all required coursework and practical requirements and the general examination.

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Transfer of Credit

Provisions are the same as those of the Doctor of Philosophy Program, above, except that up to 27 credits may be transferred into the program.

The General Examination

Students are required to complete the general examination no later than the beginning of the final semester of the program. A student who fails to pass any part of the general examination may, in exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the program, repeat the examination at the next scheduled date. If the student fails a second time, no further opportunity to take the examination is permitted and the student’s degree candidacy is terminated.

Degree of master of psychology

Students who have earned 53 credits toward the PsyD may receive the degree of master of psychology (MPsy).

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