

COUNSELING AND PERSONNEL SERVICES (PHD)

Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling and Personnel Services (CPSPHD)

Unit: College of Education and Human Development (<http://louisville.edu/education/>) (GE)

Department: Counseling and Human Development (<http://louisville.edu/education/departments/ecpy/>)

Program Website (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/phd-cps/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): See Specialization Requirements tab.

Program Information

This program offers a combination of coursework, with mostly in person courses. In person courses are offered on campus or in local schools.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling and Personnel Services encompasses three specialization areas:

- Counseling Psychology
- Counselor Education and Supervision
- Educational Psychology, Measurement, and Evaluation

The doctoral degree is granted in recognition of scholarly proficiency and distinctive achievement in a specific field/discipline. All candidates for a doctoral degree in the College of Education and Human Development must successfully complete qualifying exams and a dissertation/professional portfolio that clearly indicates the candidate has mastered and can exhibit/articulate the content knowledge, skills, and dispositions specific to their discipline, and can utilize appropriate research methodologies to contribute to the body of knowledge in their field.

Distinctive Characteristics of Doctoral Programs in the College of Education and Human Development

• Social Justice and Equity

Doctoral students in our program build experience and expertise in the issues of social justice and equity which aligns with our metropolitan mission and focus on student achievement.

• Leadership

Our doctoral students gain expertise in supervising and leading others to achieve organizational goals and missions, managing complex systems, addressing administrative issues and procedures, conducting research to enhance leadership and teaching others about the art of organizational leadership.

• Practical Experience

The doctoral program contains practicums, internships, or embedded field experience that aligns with program and career goals. These mentored experiences may include teaching, research, administration or other appropriate areas.

• Scholarship/Research

An emphasis on scholarship includes experience and mentorship in ethics, publications, presentation, grantsmanship, and other forms of creative activity. The research component is characterized by the development of vertical research teams: senior faculty, junior faculty, doctoral students, master's students, and in some programs, undergraduate students, working together on research projects and research areas. These may be bolstered by partnerships with local school districts, businesses, or community agencies.

Admission Requirements

Prospective students must submit an online application for admission (<https://graduate.louisville.edu/admission/apply/>) to the Graduate School. Additional requirements are listed below:

- A master's degree, or its equivalent in a related field, is typically required. However, highly motivated applicants with a strong undergraduate record and a Bachelors degree may also be considered for admission. Applicants are required to submit official transcripts from all higher education institutions attended.
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to the applicant's academic and/or professional capabilities and potential.
- Test scores from the Graduate Record Exam General Test -- Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing -- are required.
Please note: When submitting GRE scores through ETS, have scores sent to the general University of Louisville code, 1838.
- The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo) is required of all students who completed a degree outside the United States from countries in which English is not the native language.
Students holding a baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution in the United States are exempt from this requirement.
- A statement of professional goals appropriate to pursuing a PhD in the specific area of specialization is required. Applicants should submit a personal statement of approximately 1,500 words outlining their professional goals and how their research and professional interests might align with those of faculty in the department.
- An updated curriculum vitae (CV) or resume

Each application will be evaluated to determine the strength of all components (GRE, undergraduate and graduate GPAs, letters of recommendation, professional goal statement, and work experience) as predictors of successful completion of the program. Applicants are encouraged to visit the website of the specialization area (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/phd-cps/>) of interest for further information about suggested GPA and GRE score requirements, application deadlines, and other specific information related to that specialization area

Program Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling and Personnel Services encompasses four specialization areas. For specific coursework, see **Specialization Requirements section**.

- Counseling Psychology
- Counselor Education and Supervision
- Educational Psychology, Measurement, and Evaluation

All ECPY doctoral programs require courses in the following areas:

Specialty – Specialty courses are designed to prepare the student for work within their selected professional field.

Research Methodology – The research component prepares students to examine research within the professional area as well as contribute to the existing research.

Electives – Elective courses are selected in concert with advisor and program committee with consideration to the student's background, interests, and professional goals.

Each doctoral program will have additional requirements related to their program of study.

All candidates for a doctoral degree must successfully complete qualifying exams and a dissertation/professional portfolio that clearly indicates the candidate has mastered and can exhibit/articulate the content knowledge, skills and dispositions specific to their discipline, and can utilize appropriate research methodologies to contribute to the body of knowledge in their field.

Specialization Requirements

Specialization in Counselor Education and Supervision

Academic Plan Code(s): CPS_PHDCES

Master's Degree prerequisite + 60 credit hours minimum: The Student and Committee must develop courses, programs and experiences that clearly identify and address the specific themes of Leadership, Scholarship, Social Justice and Equity. These areas of emphasis must have descriptive competencies that the student should attain and the Committee can assess.

Code	Title	Hours
Specialty Components ¹		33
<i>Generally includes:</i>		
ECPY 722	Advanced Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy	
ECPY 731	Counselor Education Seminar: Teaching and Ethics in Counselor Education	
ECPY 755	Counselor Supervision	
ECPY 780	Advanced Practicum in Counseling	
ECPY 782	Doctoral Internship	
ECPY 793	Doctoral Seminar in Educational and Counseling Psychology (Advanced Counseling and Consultation)	
Specialty Electives		
Research Methodology ²		27
LEAD 601	Applied Statistics (or equivalent required)	
LEAD 701	Intermediate Applied Statistics	
LEAD 703	Multivariate Educational Statistics	
Research Electives (e.g., Field Survey Research, additional qualitative methodologies and /or quantitative methodologies) ³		
Dissertation/Portfolio Research (twelve (12) credit hours)		
Minimum Total Hours		60

¹ 33 credit hours minimum, Required Courses and Specialty Electives selected with Program Committee approval.

² 27 credit hours minimum, selected with Program Committee approval

³ Selected with Program Committee approval within program guidelines/framework. LEAD 600 may not be used for this requirement.

Specialization in Counseling Psychology

Academic Plan Code(s): CPS_PHDCPS

NOTE: Professional Licensure/Certification is available for this specialization.

The Student and Committee must develop courses, programs and experiences that clearly identify and address the specific themes of Leadership, Scholarship, Social Justice and Equity. These areas of emphasis must have descriptive competencies that the student should attain and the Committee can assess.

Code	Title	Hours
Specialty Components *		60
Counseling Core (twelve (12) credit hours)		
Foundations (18 Credit hours)		
Clinical Field Experience (30 credit hours)		
Research Methodology		27
LEAD 701	Intermediate Applied Statistics (or equivalent)	
LEAD 702	Applied Multiple Regression (or equivalent)	
LEAD 703	Multivariate Educational Statistics (or equivalent)	
ECPY 540	Evaluation and Measurement in Education (or equivalent)	
ECPY 700	Supervised Research in Educational and Counseling Psychology	
ECPY 789	Advanced Research Design (or equivalent)	
ECPY 793	Doctoral Seminar in Educational and Counseling Psychology (Advanced Psychotherapy Research and Practice, or equivalent)	
Dissertation Research		
Elective Component *		18
Counseling Psychology Specialty		
Minimum Total Hours		105

Specialization in Educational Psychology, Measurement, and Evaluation

Academic Plan Code(s): CPS_PHDPME

The Educational Psychology, Measurement, and Evaluation specialization requires a minimum of 90 graduate credit hours distributed in the following areas of study: specialty components, research methodology, and electives. Equivalent courses taken in a master's program may be substituted for required courses with advisor and program committee approval.

At least 45 of the 90 credit hours must be earned at UofL. These 45 credit hours include 18 credit hours fulfilling residency and twelve (12) credit hours required for dissertation research.

The Student and Committee must develop courses, programs and experiences that clearly identify and address the specific themes of Leadership, Scholarship, Social Justice and Equity. These areas of emphasis must have descriptive competencies that the student should attain and the Committee can assess.

Code	Title	Hours
Specialty Components		15
EPME Core (all required)		
ECPY 605	Human Development	
ECPY 701	Doctoral Professional Seminar in Educational Psychology, Measurement, and Evaluation	
ECPY 710	Social Ecology & Social Behavior	
ECPY 712	Advanced Issues in Human Development	
ECPY 775	Biological Bases of Behavior	
Research Methodology		36-42
Selected with Program Committee Approval (36 credit hours minimum, 42 credit hours maximum)		
LEAD 701	Intermediate Applied Statistics	
LEAD 702	Applied Multiple Regression	
LEAD 703	Multivariate Educational Statistics	
LEAD 704	Qualitative Field Research Methods	
ECPY 740	Psychometrics and Affective Instrument Development	
ECPY 745	Systematic Reviewing and Meta-Analysis	
ECPY 746	Secondary Data Analysis	
LEAD 764	Structural Equation Modeling	
LEAD 765	Hierarchical Linear Modeling	
LEAD 789	Advanced Research Design	
LEAD 795	Doctoral Research	
Electives		39
Selected with Program Committee Approval		
CSE 630	Advanced Databases	
CSE 632	Data Mining	
ECPY 540	Evaluation and Measurement in Education	
ECPY 611	Learning Systems: Theory and Practice	
ECPY 631	Adolescence	
EDSP 669	Single Case Research Methods and Designs	
ECPY 793	Doctoral Seminar in Educational and Counseling Psychology ¹	
ECPY 797	Internship in Educational Psychology, Measurement, and Evaluation ²	
EDSP 527	Inquiry into Early Childhood Education and Child Development	
LEAD 602	Survey Research and Attitude Measurement	
LEAD 606	Program Evaluation	
LEAD 705	Qualitative Data Analysis and Representation	
LEAD 750	Doctoral Seminar in Educational Evaluation	
LEAD 790	Problems in Urban Education and Society	
PHST 620	Introduction to Statistical Computing	
PHST 683	Survival Analysis	
PHST 710	Advanced Statistical Computing I	
PSYC 621	Cognitive Processes	
PSYC 636	Human Memory	
SOC 710	Statistics II	
Minimum Total Hours		90

² May be taken for a maximum of three (3) credit hours.

The Doctorate in Counseling and Personnel Services - Specialization in Counseling Psychology program prepares students to meet the requirements for certification and/or licensure. If you plan to pursue professional licensure or certification, you should first determine your state's criteria for examination and licensure to see how/if our program meets those requirements prior to enrollment. We recommend that you also contact your state's licensing board directly to verify that the requirements have not changed recently and to answer any questions especially those regarding additional requirements beyond the degree.

More information about certification or licensure is available at the following website: <https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information> (<https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information/>) (you may search by school or by the name of the program then click on 'View Details' to display the information).

For programs with an online option, more information about certification or licensure is available here: <http://louisville.edu/online/About-Us> (<http://louisville.edu/online/About-Us/>) (please scroll down near the bottom of the page and click on the licensing disclosures tab).

¹ May be taken up to three times for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours.