COUNSELING AND PERSONNEL SERVICES (PHD)

Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling and Personnel Services (CPSPHD)  
Unit: College of Education and Human Development  
Department: Counseling and Human Development  
Program Website: http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/phd-cps/  
Academic Plan Code(s): See Specialization Requirements tab.

Program Information

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

- College Student Personnel
- 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 (http://louisville.edu/graduate/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.

- College Student Personnel
- 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.

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<td>LEAD 703</td>
<td>Multivariate Educational Statistics</td>
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<td>Research Electives (e.g., Field Survey Research, additional qualitative methodologies and /or quantitative methodologies) 3</td>
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<td>Dissertation/Portfolio Research (twelve (12) credit hours)</td>
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Minimum Total Hours 60

Specialization in Counseling Psychology
Academic Plan Code(s): CPS_PHDCPS

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

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Elective Component 21

Dissertation Research

Minimum Total Hours 108

* Specific coursework selected with Program Committee approval within program guidelines and framework.

** Or the following offerings of ECPY 793: Structural Equation Modeling; Multilevel Modeling; or Meta-analysis and Systemic Review (or equivalents).

Specialization in College Student Personnel
Academic Plan Code(s): CPS_PHDSTP

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<td>College Student Sub-Cultures</td>
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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.
### Counseling Core (six (6) hours)
- **ECPY 623** Helping Skills for Student Affairs Professionals
- **ECPY 670** Career Counseling

### Foundations (nine (9) hours)
- **ECPY 661** Theories of College Student Development
- **ECPY 663** Multicultural and Diversity Issues
- **LEAD 682** The Organization and Administration of Higher Educational Institutions

### Internship/Practicum/Field Experience (nine (9) hours)
- **ECPY 681** Internship in College Student Personnel Services
- **ECPY 782** Doctoral Internship

### Research Methodology (30)
Selected with Program Committee Approval
- **LEAD 601** Applied Statistics
  - One additional advisor-approved statistical analysis course
  - One additional advisor-approved research methods course
  - Two additional advisor-approved research courses
- **ECPY 789** Advanced Research Design
- **ECPY 795** Doctoral Research

### Elective Component (24)
Chosen in concert with advisor and Program Committee with consideration to the student’s background, interests, and professional goals

### Minimum Total Hours (93)

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### 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.

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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).