PSYCHOLOGY - CLINICAL (PHD)

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology - Clinical
Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/intro/) (GA)
Program Website (http://louisville.edu/psychology/graduate/clinical/)
Academic Plan Code(s): CPSYPHD

Program Information

Mission Statement
The mission of the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at the University of Louisville is to produce scientist-practitioners who are:

- Competent to conduct and evaluate research;
- Competent in implementing research-supported practice;
- Ethical and professional in their relationships with clients, students, and colleagues; and
- Prepared to be professionals in a diverse world.

General Information
The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, in the university's College of Arts and Sciences, offers PhD programs in Clinical Psychology and Experimental Psychology. We do not offer any terminal master's degree programs in our department.

The Clinical Psychology PhD program usually requires five years of full-time coursework, research, and clinical activities. Each student must also complete a one-year approved internship, typically in their sixth year. Students are required to complete a Master's Research Portfolio. After completion of the Master's Portfolio, students write the preliminary examination and then move on to dissertation work. A dissertation proposal must be defended by October 1 in the year the student intends to apply for an internship.

Financial support for graduate students in the PhD program is available in the form of teaching and research assistantships, University Fellowships, Diversity Scholarships, and placements in community service settings.

Accreditation
The Clinical Psychology PhD program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
750 First Street, NE

Admission Requirements
The Clinical Psychology PhD Program application deadline is December 1.

Completed graduate applications should be submitted online (http://louisville.edu/graduate/apply/) to the University of Louisville, Graduate School. For additional information regarding the admissions application students may call the Graduate School at (502) 852-6495.

Our PhD programs admit students to begin in the fall semester, with a usual start date of August 1. Applicants must provide the following:

a. All applicants for whom English is a second language must also submit official TOEFL scores of 79 or higher on the internet-based test, 213 or higher on the computer-based test. English proficiency can also be met by submitting official IELTS scores of at least 6.5 overall band score from the academic module exam or official Duolingo overall score of 105. Students holding a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited institution in the United States may be exempt from this requirement.

b. Transcripts of college records from all schools attended must be submitted to the Graduate School. Students must have earned an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university.

c. Three letters of recommendation from academic sources are required and must be submitted to the Graduate School.

Application materials are available online (http://louisville.edu/graduate/apply/) and additional information can be found here (https://louisville.edu/psychology/graduate/clinical/apply/).

The Clinical Psychology PhD curriculum contains department/general core courses, clinical core courses, and other required courses in areas such as diversity and history. The curriculum closely follows guidelines for accreditation established and maintained by the American Psychological Association's Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation (https://accreditation.apa.org/).

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The Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical 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 (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 (please scroll down near the bottom of the page and click on the licensing disclosures tab).