



GRADUATE STUDIES FACT SHEET

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The master of arts degree in clinical psychology is designed to prepare students to work in a mental health setting or to continue their education. Graduates of the clinical psychology program have been accepted into high-quality doctoral programs. Others have secured desirable positions in the mental health field. Course work is designed to give students both a strong theoretical background as well as practical experience in clinical psychology. Students can tailor their program to their specific goals. To prepare for a doctoral program, students can gain experience by working closely with a faculty member on research and completing a master's thesis. Those who plan to work in the mental health field at the master's level can take more skills-based courses. When students graduate from this program, they will meet the degree requirements for Pennsylvania counseling licensure.

In addition to the master's degree, the department offers a letter of completion program for those interested in Pennsylvania's post-master's licensure for counselors. This program includes course work beyond the master's level and prepares students to take the licensing examination.

All course work (taken on a full- or part-time basis) is offered during evening hours. Graduate assistantships are available in the department and include a stipend and either full or partial tuition waiver.

THE CURRICULUM

Students must complete a minimum of 48 credit hours for the master of arts degree in clinical psychology. Of those credits, the following courses are required:

PSY 501 Introduction Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (3)

PSY 502 Advanced Statistics for Behavioral Sciences

PSY 517 Adult Psychopathology (3)

PSY 524 Psychometrics: Measurement and Evaluation (3)

PSY 527 Cognitive and Behavior Therapy (3)

PSY 540 Multicultural Psychology (3)

PSY 544 Intelligence Testing (3)

PSY 549 Personality Assessment (3)

PSY 559 Psychotherapy (3)

PSY 595 Ethics and Professional Skills in Clinical Practice (3)

PSY 615 Clinical Practicum in Psychology (2)

PSY 616 Internship (4–12)

An additional 12 credits of electives are needed. In the thesis option, the thesis satisfies six elective credits. In the nonthesis option, students can use their elective credits to gain additional knowledge in either applied or theoretical areas.

The degree requirements include either successful completion of a comprehensive examination (nonthesis option) or completion of a thesis.

FACILITIES

The Department of Psychology is housed in a modern facility with a computer lab and state-of-the-art video room for research and for practicing psychotherapy skills. Laboratories and experimental facilities also are available.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education:

- Completed graduate application, including written statement of professional goals (apply online at www.wcupa.edu/grad)
- Official academic transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended
- Scores from TOEFL (non-native speakers only); score of 550 or better required (213 or better on computerized test or 79 for Internet) or ILETS score of 6.5
- Scores from Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test (or MAT with permission of graduate coordinator)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Admission interview (if deemed necessary)

Please note that admission is for fall semester only.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education
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102 West Rosedale Avenue
West Chester University
West Chester, PA 19383

Call: 610-436-2943

Fax: 610-436-2763

E-mail: gradstudy@wcupa.edu

Web: www.wcupa.edu/grad

Visit: www.facebook.com/wcugrad

Or contact the department:

Write: Graduate Coordinator
Department of Psychology
West Chester University
West Chester, PA 19383

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Web: www.wcupa.edu/_academics/sch_cas.psy/

The Graduate Catalog is available online at www.wcupa.edu/_information/official_documents/graduate.catalog/.

ABOUT GRADUATE STUDIES

West Chester University offers high-quality graduate degrees in more than 70 disciplines or areas of study, as well as certificate and certification programs. The graduate studies program has grown remarkably since its introduction in 1960. West Chester University's program is the largest within the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education enrolling more than 2,100 graduate students.

Programs can be taken on a part-time basis, and most of the graduate classes are scheduled during late afternoons and evenings for the benefit of in-service teachers and other employed persons.

ABOUT WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

A regional, public institution, West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as certification and certificate programs, in more than 100 subject areas. As the second largest member of the State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College

became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, as well as 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor, West Chester University is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington, Del. The campus is convenient to major cultural institutions, recreational activities, and commercial businesses, many of which provide internship opportunities for WCU's students.

