



APA ACCREDITED DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Clinical Psychology Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) program at West Chester University is designed to prepare students to obtain a variety of specialized positions. Specifically, our graduates are eligible to pursue a license as a clinical psychologist, to provide mental health consultation within a diverse range of organizations and communities, and to teach undergraduate and graduate students in topics related to clinical psychology.

The PsyD program at WCU is an APA accredited doctoral program. It is a full-time, 5-year program (Fall, Spring, and Summer) which follows a practitioner-scholar model, preparing students for leadership roles as culturally competent psychologists. The program provides significant training in evidence-based assessment and therapeutic interventions through coursework and supervised clinical training experiences beginning in the first year of the program.

The WCU PsyD program offers students the opportunity to choose a clinical specialization in Child and Adolescent Mental Health or Trauma. Elective courses (12 credits) and advanced practicum training experiences in Years 3 and 4 provide depth of training and expertise in specialty areas. Academic advisors are very hands-on in our program and help each student to select the courses that best support specific training goals that enhance the student's learning.

West Chester University has its own on-campus Community Mental Health Services clinic which is open to both the campus and broader West Chester area communities. This state of the art training facility offers a range of assessment and therapy services for a diverse socio-economic population. Supervised by licensed clinical psychologists, WCU PsyD students provide clinical services to children, families, and adults. Clinical training within the in-house clinic begins in the first year of study and continues through year two (in addition to in-class coursework). In the third and fourth years, students continue their clinical training in off-campus advanced practicum placements within the greater Philadelphia region, while completing elective courses, studies in program evaluation, consultation and supervision, as well as their comprehensive examination and dissertation. The fifth year of study is dedicated exclusively to a full-time, predoctoral clinical internship.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Training in a state-of-the-art, campus-based community mental health clinic beginning in the first year
- Clinical supervision from licensed psychologists who are core faculty members
- Specializations in Trauma or Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Experience with outreach to underserved communities
- Affordable tuition: WCU is the only public university offering a Clinical Psychology PsyD program in the region
- Funding available through Graduate Research Assistantships and Teaching Associate positions
- Broad range of faculty research interests and publications
- Faculty and student offices are collocated in the same building as clinical and research space

FAST FACTS

- \$85,000 median pay for clinical psychologists in 2017 (according to APA Center for Workforce Studies)
- 14% projected industry growth through 2026 (according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA) ACCREDITATION

The WCU PsyD program is an APA accredited doctoral program. APA has granted the PsyD program Accredited on contingency status through 7/21/2024. Accredited on contingency status applies to programs seeking accreditation prior to graduating their first cohort of students. Our first cohort of PsyD students will graduate in 2021, at which time the program will seek full accreditation.

Questions related to the program's accredited status should be directed to the Commission on Accreditation:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
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Phone: (202) 336-5979 / E-mail: apaaccred@apa.org
Web: www.apa.org/ed/accreditation

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The deadline for receipt of application is December 15.

- An undergraduate overall GPA of 3.0; for applicants with a Master's degree, a cumulative GPA of 3.3
- Undergraduate Psychology Major is required OR a major from a related discipline, unless the applicant has already obtained a graduate degree in Psychology
- Successful completion of undergraduate or graduate Psychology courses: Abnormal/Clinical Psychology, Personality Theories, Research Methods, Statistics, and History of Psychology
- Three letters of recommendation; at least one letter from an academic source
- A statement of professional interests
- A subset of qualified applicants will be selected for in-person interviews, and only applicants who have completed the interview process will be given full consideration for admission.

Applicants may apply online at
www.wcupa.edu/applynow

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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