

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY, DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY (0476)

Program Coordinator

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The Doctor of Psychology in Applied Psychology provides knowledge and skills for its graduates to become effective change agents within community, therapeutic, educational, and education-related environments. The program is designed to prepare scholarly practitioners whose program content and experiences emphasize application to the real world.

The Psy.D. in Applied Psychology prepares students to:

- Function as competent practitioner/scholars, skilled in developing, implementing, and evaluating evidence-based practices, particularly for rural and other under-served populations, in their chosen area of concentration;
- Provide ethical, competent, and professional supervision of psychological practice in their communities of practice; and
- Contribute to the practice and scholarship of psychology, consistent with the practitioner/scholar model, with the capacity to review scholarly literature, effectively integrate it with practice considerations, and evaluate outcomes.

Concentration(s)

- Clinical Psychology (BA/BS to PsyD)
- Clinical Psychology (MA to PsyD)
- School Psychology

Program Admission

Clinical Psychology (BA/BS to PsyD) Concentration

Program admission is based on a comprehensive evaluation of a candidate's application file and an interview. Applicants must submit:

1. Minimum GRE scores of 142 Verbal, 142 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytic Writing¹
2. Undergraduate transcript of an earned undergraduate degree with a minimum of 18 hours of psychology coursework including statistics or research methods (3 hrs), abnormal (preferred) or personality psychology (3 hrs) with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 and 3.00 in psychology coursework
3. Three letters of recommendation from professionals attesting to the applicant's potential for success in the program
4. Personal statement describing professional interests, expectations for the degree, and career goals
5. Resume or curriculum vita
6. Psychology Department application
7. Criminal background check

Clinical Psychology (MA to PsyD) Concentration

Program admission is based on a comprehensive evaluation of a candidate's application file and an interview. Applicants must submit:

1. Minimum GRE scores of 142 Verbal, 142 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytic Writing¹
2. Graduate transcript of an earned master's degree or higher in clinical psychology or a related field with a minimum graduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.50
3. Three letters of recommendation from professionals attesting to the applicant's potential for success in the program
4. Personal statement describing professional interests, expectations for the degree, and career goals
5. Resume or curriculum vita
6. Psychology Department application form
7. Criminal background check

School Psychology Concentration

Program admission is based on a comprehensive evaluation of a candidate's application file and an interview. Applicants must submit:

1. Minimum GRE scores of 142 Verbal, 142 Quantitative, and 4.0 Analytic Writing.¹
2. Graduate transcript of an earned specialist's degree in school psychology or a related field with a minimum graduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.50.
3. Three letters of recommendation from professionals attesting to the applicant's potential for success in the program
4. Personal statement describing professional interests, expectations for the degree, and career goals.
5. Resume or curriculum vita.
6. Psychology Department application
7. Criminal background check

¹ In lieu of the GRE scores, applicants may submit a portfolio that includes evidence of at least five years' successful practice in the field and evidence of managerial/supervision experience or superlative practice.

Based on review of the application file, interviews will be held with viable candidates to assess compatibility with program goals and objectives. Additionally, student transcripts will be evaluated and deficient coursework may be required. Deficiencies will be denoted on the program of study.

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/>) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Program Requirements (48, 51, or 96 hours)

Clinical Psychology (BA/BS to PsyD) Concentration (96 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
EDFN 500	Research Methods	3
EDFN 501	Educational Statistics	3

PSY 511	Psychology of Learning	3
PSY 520	Individual Differences and Human Diversity	3
PSY 541	Professional Issues and Ethics in Psychology	3
PSY 560	Assessment of Individual Intellectual Functioning:Theories and Issues	3
PSY 562	Practicum in Psychological Assessment	3
PSY 640	Psychopathology	3
PSY 641	Theories of Psychotherapy	3
PSY 646	Social Psychology for Applied Practice	3
PSY 651	Clinical Neuropsychology for Applied Psychologist	3
PSY 660	Assessment of Personality and Socio-Emotional Functioning	3
PSY 662	Practicum in Psychology	3
PSY 592	Psychology Internship	3
PSY 590	Readings of Research Psychology (and 3 hour PSY elective)	6
or PSY 599	Thesis Research	

MA Psychology awarded upon successful completion of the 48 hours of required courses above.

ADED 515	How Adults Change	3
or CNS 557	Human and Family Development in Counseling	
EDFN 740	Intermediate Statistics and Design	3
or EDFN 744	Seminar in Advanced Research Methods	
PSY 561	Advanced Assessment in Educational Settings	3
or PSY 643	Academic Assessment and Intervention	
or PSY 647	Addictions: Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning	
or PSY 766	Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder	
or CNS 552	Testing and Assessment in Counseling	
or CNS 567	Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment in Counseling	
or SWRK 623	Social Work Clinical Assessment and Intervention	
PSY 642	Clinical Interviewing and Psychotherapy	3
PSY 701	History and Systems of Applied Psychology	3
PSY 741	Family Systems in Therapy	3
or CNS 588	Family Systems Counseling	
PSY 751	Clinical Psychopharmacology	3
PSY 777	Foundations of Supervision	3
PSY 791	Advanced Psychology Practice	3
PSY 799	Dissertation in Psychology	6
PSY 801	The Profession of Clinical Psychology	3
PSY 862	Advanced Psychotherapy Interventions	3
PSY 877	Advanced Clinical Supervision	3

PSY 895	Pre-Doctoral Internship	6
Total Hours		96

Clinical Concentration (MA to PsyD) (48 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ADED 515	How Adults Change	3
or CNS 557	Human and Family Development in Counseling	
EDFN 740	Intermediate Statistics and Design	3
or EDFN 744	Seminar in Advanced Research Methods	
PSY 561	Advanced Assessment in Educational Settings	3
or PSY 643	Academic Assessment and Intervention	
or PSY 647	Addictions: Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning	
or PSY 766	Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder	
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PSY 862	Advanced Psychotherapy Interventions	3
PSY 877	Advanced Clinical Supervision	3
PSY 895	Pre-Doctoral Internship	6
Total Hours		48

School Psychology Concentration (51 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ADED 515	How Adults Change	3
or CNS 557	Human and Family Development in Counseling	
EDFN 740	Intermediate Statistics and Design	3
or EDFN 744	Seminar in Advanced Research Methods	
PSY 520	Individual Differences and Human Diversity	3
PSY 640	Psychopathology	3
PSY 701	History and Systems of Applied Psychology	3
PSY 741	Family Systems in Therapy	3
or CNS 588	Family Systems Counseling	
PSY 751	Clinical Psychopharmacology	3

PSY 777	Foundations of Supervision	3
PSY 785	Doctoral Seminar in School Psychology	3
PSY 791	Advanced Psychology Practice	3
or PSY 792	Advanced Practicum in School Interventions	
PSY 799	Dissertation in Psychology	6
PSY 895	Pre-Doctoral Internship	6
Specialization		
Select a specialization option		9
Therapies and Interventions with Children		
CNS 569	Play Therapy	
CNS 611	Advanced Play Therapy	
CNS 612	Expressive Arts Techniques in Counseling	
or CNS 613	Sandtray Techniques in Counseling	
OR		
Autism Spectrum Disorders		
PSY 766	Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder	
SPED 610	Characteristics of Low Incidence Disorders	
SPED 618	Social Skills Instruction & Behavioral Programming for Students with Disabilities	
OR		
Educational Leadership		
Select three of the following		
EDAD 585	Fundamentals of School Administration	
EDAD 620	Seminar in Administration of Special Education	
EDAD 630	Special Education Law and Finance	
EDAD 640	Introduction to School Leadership	
EDAD 659	Strategic Planning in Education	
EDAD 677	Legal Issues for Professional Educators	
EDAD 684	Instructional Leadership	
Total Hours		51