

PSYCHOLOGY, MASTER OF ARTS (092)

Program Coordinator

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This program prepares students to pursue careers in clinical psychology and/or to enter a doctoral program. M.A. graduates are eligible in Kentucky for licensure as Psychological Associates.

Concentrations

- Clinical (MACL)

Program Admission

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

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 hours)

The clinical psychology program prepares students to be successful performing both research and therapy. The degree offers a broad foundation for the professional who will render a wide variety of psychological services at the MA level and/or prepare students to pursue further education at the doctoral level. Clinical psychology graduates have the credentials necessary to pursue licensure in the state of Kentucky. Practicum and internship (9 hours) are required. There is a thesis and a non-thesis option. A criminal background check will be required of successful applicants during the first semester of graduate study at the applicant's expense. Grades lower than B may not be used to satisfy requirements for courses in the clinical training sequence (PSY 560, PSY 640, PSY 641, and PSY 660), or practicum and internship (PSY 562, PSY 592, and PSY 662). Practicum/internship sites may have additional requirements before allowing students to complete placements; these might include, but are not limited to, vaccinations, additional background checks, and health screenings.

or EDLD 722	Research Design for Improvement Science	
EDFN 501	Educational Statistics	3
or EDLD 712	Introduction to Research Methods	
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 (3 hours AND 3 hour elective approved by advisor for nonthesis option.)	6
or PSY 599	Thesis Research	
Total Hours		48

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
EDFN 500	Research Methods	3