

Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology (PsyD)



School of Arts and Sciences

The Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology program at Holy Family University is wholeheartedly committed to a scientist-practitioner training experience that espouses evidenced-based practice and interventions. It is guided by the APA accreditation standards and will prepare graduates to become license eligible psychologists in the State of Pennsylvania.

The Holy Family University PsyD program is designed upon the foundational values of the discipline of Counseling Psychology, including a developmental, strength-based, and mind-body approach to treatment and wellness. In particular, the PsyD program at Holy Family University is a training experience that is dedicated to the values of social justice and multiculturalism. As a result, graduates of the PsyD program will be prepared to work in a variety of settings with a wide range of populations.

A unique feature of the HFU PsyD training program is that students are given the opportunity to complete training to teach in higher education in both face-to-face and on-line offerings. Thus, graduating from Holy Family's PsyD program will prepare students to move forward as a state-of-the-art psychologist who will impact both the lives of their clients and the communities in which they live.

Practicum and Internships

The field placement experience is an important and required component of graduate education in Counseling Psychology. The practicum and internship experience provides opportunities for the student to integrate and apply the fundamentals of the profession under the direction of qualified supervisors. This field training also forms the basis for the transition from a student role to one of professional psychologist. In so doing, students develop skills to work with particular client populations and shape their future employment opportunities.

Holy Family University requires that all psychologists in training have the following opportunities through their field placements:

- The ability to develop and maintain productive relationships with patients/clients, families, colleagues, supervisors, support staff, teams, and community professionals.
- The development of skills to seek and apply theoretical and research knowledge relevant to counseling in the clinical setting, including accessing and applying scientific knowledge bases.
- The understanding and application of theoretical and research knowledge related to diagnosis/assessment and intervention, diversity, supervision, and ethics.
- The ability to formulate and conceptualize clinical cases and develop treatment plans for clients.
- The ability to implement a wide range of developmental, multicultural, preventative, and trauma-informed interventions.
- The application of the current American Psychological Ethical Code and Guidelines.

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Curriculum

The PsyD program at Holy Family University is a 90-credit, post master's degree, which takes on average 4-5 years to complete. The program requires 57 academic credits; 9 in-house clinical training practica; two 3 credit courses in higher education teaching training; 9 credits at an external clinical training internship; and a 9 credit dissertation.

- PSYD 801 - Professional Identity and Ethical Practice in Counseling Psychology
- PSYD 802 - Multiculturalism & Feminism in Counseling Psychology
- PSYD 803 - History & Systems of Psychology
- PSYD 804 - Cognitive & Affective Bases of Behavior
- PSYD 805 - Advanced Developmental Psychology
- PSYD 806 - Advanced Theories
- PSYD 807 - Career Psychology
- PSYD 808 - Consultation: Theory and Practice
- PSYD 809 - Teaching Psychology I: Classroom Based Formats
- PSYD 810 - Teaching II: Alternative Formats
- PSYD 811 - Biological Bases of Behavior
- PSYD 812 - Personality Theory & Assessment
- PSYD 813 - Advanced Psychopathology & Evidence Based Practice
- PSYD 814 - Intellectual Assessment
- PSYD 815 - Advanced Research Design
- PSYD 816 - Social Psychology
- PSYD 817 - Advanced Data Analysis
- PSYD 818 - Advanced Cognitive Behavior Therapies
- PSYD 819 - Supervision: Theory & Practice
- PSYD 820 - Social Justice & Advocacy in Counseling Psychology
- PSYD 821 - Contemporary Treatment Topics in Counseling Psychology
- PSYD 822 - Advanced Practicum I
- PSYD 823 - Advanced Practicum II
- PSYD 824 - Advanced Practicum III
- PSYD 901 - Dissertation I
- PSYD 902 - Dissertation II
- PSYD 903 - Dissertation III
- PSYD 904 - Dissertation Continued I
- PSYD 905 - Dissertation Continued II
- PSYD 906 - Advanced Internship I
- PSYD 907 - Advanced Internship II
- PSYD 908 - Advanced Internship III

Admission Requirements

Applicants must possess the following qualifications for admission to the Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology program:

- A master's degree in Counseling or a related field from an accredited college or university.
- 3.5 GPA from Master's program.
- GRE Scores of 148 or higher on Verbal and Analytical Scales.
- Three satisfactory letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's academic or professional work.
- An application form with a nonrefundable application fee.
- Interview with program faculty.
- A 250-500 word personal statement of clinical and research interests. The quality of the applicant's statement will be of critical importance to the success of the application for admission.
- Official transcripts of all previous college or university work.

Applicants will be considered based on their academic ability, expression of interests and goals, life experience, and personal interview. All cohorts begin in the Fall. Prior to admission, selected applicants will be invited to complete a personal interview with Counseling Psychology faculty.

Please note that the program is limited in size because of the intensive training requirements. Although many applicants meet the criteria for admission, it may not be possible to admit all qualified students.

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