

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

96 credit hours
 Master's thesis
 Comprehensive exam
 Dissertation
 Predoctoral Internship (one year, full-time)

The Ph.D. program in clinical psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association. Completion typically requires six years of study beyond the bachelor's degree, including a one-year full-time predoctoral internship. Students with prior graduate work or a master's degree may transfer in some credits and/or waive the master's thesis requirement following procedures articulated in our program handbook. The program follows a scientist-practitioner model and emphasizes the integration of clinical practice and applied clinical research. Working with a faculty mentor, students begin research training their first year and complete a master's thesis and a dissertation independent research project. Students complete three years of 15-20 hour/week clinical practicum training that includes a wide variety of assessment and treatment experiences with a broad range of clients, including minoritized and underserved populations. Training sites include medical centers, community mental health centers, and clinics throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. The comprehensive exam involves integrating research literature into the case conceptualization and treatment of a clinical case. All students complete an APA-accredited predoctoral internship. The program prepares students to be license-eligible in the state of Illinois and most other states. Graduates typically function as practitioners and researchers in medical centers and multi-disciplinary clinical settings.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Foundational Courses (30)		
PSYC 501	Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PSYC 502	Social Bases of Behavior	3
PSYC 503	Cognitive and Affective Bases	3
PSYC 504	Individual and Cultural Differences	3
PSYC 505	History and Systems of Psychology	3
PSYC 511	Psychometric Theory	3
PSYC 540	Research Methods	3
PSYC 545	Graduate Statistics I	3
PSYC 546	Graduate Statistics II	3
PSYC 554	Survey of Multivariate Statistics	3
Base Clinical Courses (9)		
PSYC 508	Ethics and Professional Issues I	2
PSYC 509	Ethics and Professional Issues II	1
PSYC 525	Developmental Psychopathology	3
PSYC 526	Psychopathology	3
Clinical Practice Courses (18)		
PSYC 506	Therapy I	3
PSYC 507	Therapy II	3
PSYC 510	Clinical Assessment I	3
PSYC 512	Clinical Assessment II	3
PSYC 533	Clinical Practicum	4
PSYC 599	Clinical Internship	2
Elective Courses (9)		
Some offerings in recent years: health psychology, affective disorders, neuropsychological assessment, eating and weight disorders, assessment and treatment of young children, child cognitive development, psychology of sport, performance and health, structural equation modeling, psychometric theory, hierarchical linear models.		9
Master's Research Courses Applied to Elective Credit (6)		

PSYC 591	Research and Thesis M.S. ¹	6
Doctoral Research		(24)
PSYC 691	Research and Thesis Ph.D. ²	24

Minimum degree credits required: 96

- ¹ Students entering the program with a prior earned Master of Science degree in psychology with an empirically-based thesis may qualify for a waiver of the PSYC 591 thesis requirement (six credit hours). Please contact your academic adviser for more details.
- ² Up to three PSYC 600 credits can be substituted for PSYC 691 credits.

Specialization in Rehabilitation

Students with specific interest in working with persons with disabilities and/or chronic illness may seek a Specialization in Rehabilitation. The Rehabilitation Specialization involves the standard program requirements of the Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, with additional training that grounds students in a rehabilitation philosophy. This philosophy includes a strengths-based, person-centered approach to treatment with an emphasis on advocacy and the empowerment of individuals to achieve their highest level of independence possible. The Rehabilitation Specialization requires research mentorship with a Rehabilitation Science faculty member and students completing this specialization typically complete at least one required clinical practicum in a rehabilitation-related setting. In addition, students in the Rehabilitation Specialization take three Rehabilitation Courses that replace the requirement for 3 Elective Courses in the general Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Required Rehabilitation Specialization Courses (9 credit hours total)

PSYC 573	Psychosocial Bases: Disability and Behavior	3
PSYC 575	Adult Career Development and Vocational Behavior	3

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PSYC 588 Graduate Psychology Seminar 3
or PSYC 581 Neuropsychological Assessment

Note: The PSYC 588 Graduate Psychology Seminar must be the Grant Writing topic.