

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PSYD

Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Clinical Psychology

Department website: <https://www.pcom.edu/academics/programs-and-degrees/clinical-psychology/>

The Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (PsyD) program trains practitioner-scholar psychologists in a broad range of clinical settings, with an emphasis on a holistic approach to interdisciplinary care and service to diverse and underserved populations. In this American Psychological Association accredited program, the curriculum is oriented in cognitive-behavioral theory and empirically supported treatments addressing the most current developments in psychology, while enhancing learning through practical clinical applications. The program emphasizes professional self-reflection, attention to diversity, advocacy and social justice.

The learning in the first two years of the Clinical PsyD program is through didactic courses that cover the scientific and clinical foundations of the discipline, with inclusion of experiential components, labs for skills training, and interprofessional education. Use of standardized patient actors provides a means for gaining formative feedback on the integration of didactic and clinical skills. Completion of the first two portions of the comprehensive examination makes students eligible to begin the dissertation process. Fieldwork and seminar experiences in the third and fourth years enable the student to integrate knowledge of theory and research in practicum experience. During this time, students are also mentored through the dissertation process. Successful completion of the first three years of coursework and comprehensive examinations confers doctoral candidate status on the PsyD student, who may then proceed to internship. Upon completion of the comprehensive examinations and admission to doctoral candidacy, students are awarded a master of science in clinical psychology.

The internship provides the clinical psychology doctoral student with an intensive, yearlong, supervised work experience to develop, practice and integrate new clinical skills. It represents the culmination of the doctoral experience, the last practical training step before earning a doctorate in psychology. All students are required to apply to APA-accredited and APPIIC internships. Graduates of the PsyD program qualify for the Examination for Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) for partial fulfillment of the requirements for professional licensure.

PCOM's PsyD program in Clinical Psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association. For general information about APA accreditation or specific information about the accreditation status of PCOM's Clinical PsyD program, please contact:

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Students are required to attend the program on a full-time basis. The learning in the first two years of the Clinical PsyD program (<https://www.pcom.edu/academics/programs-and-degrees/clinical-psychology/course-sequence.html>) is through didactic courses that

cover the scientific and clinical foundations of the discipline, with inclusion of experiential components, and labs for skills training, and interprofessional education. Use of standardized patient actors provides a means for gaining formative feedback on the integration of knowledge and clinical skills.

Completion of the essay portion of the comprehensive examination makes students eligible to begin the dissertation process. Students who have successfully completed the first two years of coursework with a B- or better, have a 3.0 GPA or better and who are in good academic standing may progress to practicum. Fieldwork and seminar experiences in the third and fourth years enable the student to integrate knowledge of theory and research with practicum experience. During this time, students are also mentored through the dissertation process. Successful completion of the first three years of coursework and the comprehensive examinations (STEPPS and essay portions) confers doctoral candidate status on the PsyD student, who may then proceed to internship. Upon completion of the comprehensive examinations and admission to doctoral candidacy, students are awarded a master of science in clinical psychology.

First Year

Term 1		Hours
Fall		
CPSY 624	Research I: Research Design and Methodology	3
CPSY 603	Behavioral Medicine	3
CPSY 622	Ethics in Psychology	3
CPSY 616	Lifespan Development	3
CPSY 695A	Professional Development Seminar I	1.5
Hours		13.5

Term 2

Spring		
CPSY 625	Research II: Univariate and Multivariate + Lab	4
CPSY 601	Learning Theories	3
CPSY 607	Cognitive & Affective Bases of Behavior	3
CPSY 623	Human Diversity: Multiculturalism and Individual Differences	3
CPSY 695B	Professional Development Seminar II	1.5
Hours		14.5

Term 3

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Second Year

Term 1

Summer		
CPSY 620	Psychopathology	3
CPSY 605	History and Systems	3
CPSY 629	Physiological Basis of Behavior	3
CPSY 698A	STEPPS Comprehensive Exam A	0
Hours		9

Term 2

Fall		
CPSY 626	Assessment I: Assessing Cognitive Ability	3
CPSY 617	Cognitive & Behavioral Therapies I	3
CPSY 608	Social Psychology	3
CPSY 688A	Integrative Health Care I	1
Hours		10

Term 3**Spring**

CPSY 627	Assessment II: Objective Personality + Lab	3
CPSY 618	Cognitive & Behavioral Therapies II	3
CPSY 688B	Integrative Health Care II	1
Hours		7

Third Year**Term 1****Summer**

CPSY 628	Assessment III: Advanced Topics + Lab	3
CPSY 619	Cognitive & Behavioral Therapies III	3
CPSY 652	Practicum I	1.5
CPSY 698B	STEPPS Comprehensive Exam B	0
CPSY 681	Essay Comprehensive Exam <small>Students must register for .5 credits during the term they take the essay comprehensive exam; does not count toward minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion.</small>	0
Hours		7.5

Term 2**Fall**

CPSY 661	Administration, Consultation and Supervision: Behavioral Health Care	3
CPSY 653	Practicum II	1.5
CPSY 674	Research III: Dissertation Development Seminar	2
CPSY 788A	Integrative Behavioral Health Seminar I	1.5
Hours		8

Term 3**Spring**

CPSY 654	Practicum III	1.5
CPSY 674A	Research IV: Method Development and Strategic Planning	2
CPSY 788B	Integrative Behavioral Health Seminar II	1.5
Elective	<small>7 credits of electives to be completed after 2nd year courses are completed. Students choose from various 1, 2, or 3 credit electives.</small>	2
Hours		7

Fourth Year**Term 1****Summer**

CPSY 655	Practicum IV	1.5
CPSY 698C	STEPPS Comprehensive Exam C	0

Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion.

Hours **1.5**

Term 2**Fall**

CPSY 710	Practicum V	1.5
Elective	<small>7 credits of electives to be completed after 2nd year courses are completed. Students choose from various 1, 2, or 3 credit electives.</small>	3

Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion.

Hours **4.5**

Term 3**Spring**

CPSY 711	Practicum VI	1.5
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Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion.

Elective	<small>7 credits of electives to be completed after 2nd year courses are completed. Students choose from various 1, 2, or 3 credit electives.</small>	2
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Hours **3.5**

Fifth Year**Term 1****Summer**

CPSY 667	Internship <small>Students who begin internship placements within 2 weeks or less of the end of the summer term starting year 5 will not register for internship this term. Instead, register for internship starting in fall of year 5 and register for 1 credit/term from fall through summer. A total of 3 credits of internship must be completed over the terms which align with students' internship placements.</small>	.5
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Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion. The credit fee is waived when concurrently enrolled in CPSY 667: Internship.

Hours **0.5**

Term 2**Fall**

CPSY 667	Internship	1
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Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion. The credit fee is waived when concurrently enrolled in CPSY 667: Internship.

Hours **1**

Term 3**Spring**

CPSY 667	Internship	1
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Following CPSY 674A: Research IV, all students must register for CPSY 675: Dissertation Advisement at 1 credit/term until successfully defending their dissertation. Dissertation Advisement credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion. The credit fee is waived when concurrently enrolled in CPSY 667: Internship.

Hours **1**

Sixth Year**Term 1****Summer**

CPSY 667	<p>Internship Students who begin internship placements within 2 weeks or less of the end of the summer term starting year 5 will not register for internship that term. Instead, register for internship starting in fall of year 5 and register for 1 credit/term from fall through summer. A total of 3 credits of internship must be completed over the terms which align with students' internship placements.</p>	.5
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Students who have successfully defended their dissertations will register for CPSY 795: Dissertation Editing until all edits are made to the satisfaction of their dissertation chairs/committees and the final documents are submitted for binding. The fee will be waived for the first term and any term in which students are concurrently enrolled in CPSY 667: Internship; for any subsequent terms, students will be charged for one credit/term until the final documents are submitted for binding. Dissertation Editing credits do not count toward the minimum of 89 credits required for degree completion.

Hours	0.5
Total Hours	89