

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (PHD)

Program Description

Division of Health & Behavioral Sciences Faculty (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-applied-natural-sciences/faculty-staff?d=Health%20and%20Behavioral%20Sciences>)

College of Applied & Natural Sciences Website (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-applied-natural-sciences>)

The Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Clinical Psychology (<https://spu.edu/academics/college-applied-natural-sciences/graduate-programs/clinical-psychology-phd>) is accredited by the American Psychological Association (<http://www.apa.org/>). This program is a full-time, five-year, integrated, and organized sequence of studies and practice experiences based on the “local clinical-scientist” model of training. The local clinical-scientist embodies and expands upon the original scientist-practitioner model of clinical psychology.

Research and clinical practice are balanced in the curriculum, and our graduates function in various roles as health care clinicians, university scholars, program directors, and supervisors.

Coursework is grounded in empirical literature that examines the interplay among biological, psychological, and social factors related to human adjustment. This bio-psychosocial perspective infuses all aspects of the doctoral curriculum and training experiences.

Perspectives on diversity are incorporated throughout the curriculum, addressing individual and group differences and the implications of diversity for the ethical and effective practice of clinical psychology. And, in our view, a full appreciation of diversity includes spiritual and religious factors as well. Additionally, both faculty and students are committed to a vocation of service to others.

Admission Requirements

For admission to clinical psychology doctoral studies, the following are required:

- Online application (<http://admissions.spu.edu/apply/>) and \$75 processing fee
- A bachelor’s degree
 - From a regionally accredited institution, with a minimum 3.0 grade-point average.
 - An undergraduate major in psychology is preferable.
 - All applicants should have successfully completed a statistics or tests-and-measurements course, as well as five additional psychology courses as determined by the department. Examples include: abnormal, developmental, experimental, physiological, social, learning, motivation, and personality.
- Official transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
 - Three academic references from current or former professors/instructors are preferred; however, you may substitute for one academic reference a professional reference from a person in a related field (e.g., clinical supervisor).
- Personal statement
 - Three–four pages in length, typed.
 - Address your career objectives, rationale for seeking a degree in clinical psychology, and why you choose to attend SPU.

- Mention professional and personal strengths as they apply to clinical psychology, related work experiences, research interests, personal values, religious ideals, and other information you deem appropriate.
- Preference is shown to applicants who possess potential for both clinical and scientific work, as demonstrated by prior work or volunteer experiences.

International Students

If English is not your first language, you must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (<http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/>), and obtain a minimum score of 600 on the paper-based test or 250 on the computer-based test.

If you are not U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident, you must provide an official confidential statement of financial support covering each year of intended enrollment. This is necessary to issue the paperwork for an I-20 immigration form. Documentation must be included in the application packet.

Deadline

December 15

Admission Process

The Admissions Committee of the Clinical Psychology Department (CPY) will conduct a preliminary screening process. Finalists will be invited for interviews in late February or early March.

Admission to the doctoral program depends upon recommendation by the CPY faculty and approval from the department chair.

Transfer of Credit

If you have a master’s degree, or have taken other graduate coursework in psychology at a regionally accredited institution, you may be allowed to transfer up to 20 quarter units. You must submit syllabi of any courses for which you request transfer of credit.

Courses accepted for transfer must have been passed at a grade of “B” or higher and completed within seven years of transfer. A petition to transfer credits is submitted only after formal admission to the program.

Degree Completion

You must complete all requirements for the doctoral degree within seven years from the quarter your first post-admission course was taken. Students who need more than seven years to complete the degree must file a time-extension petition with the director of doctoral studies.

Contact

- Graduate Admissions (<http://spu.edu/graduate-admissions>)
- gradadmissions@spu.edu
- 206-281-2091 or 800-601-0603

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Code	Title	Credits
Year One Coursework		
CPY 7000	History and Systems of Psychology	5
CPY 7020	Research Design and Methodology	5

CPY 7101	Neural and Biological Bases of Behavior	5
CPY 7200	Personality Theory and Research	5
CPY 7210	Developmental Psychology	5
CPY 7220	Psychopathology	5
CPY 7230	Cognition and Learning	5
CPY 7400	Ethics and Laws in Clinical Psychology	5
CPY 7927	Clinical Foundations I	2
CPY 7928	Clinical Foundations II	2
Section Credits Required		44
Year Two Coursework		
CPY 7031	Statistics I	5
CPY 7032	Statistics II	5
CPY 7033	Statistics III	5
CPY 7240	Social Psychology	5
CPY 7300	Psychological Assessment: Intelligence and Achievement	5
CPY 7310	Psychological Interventions I: Cognitive Behavioral Therapies	5
CPY 7315	Psychological Interventions II: DBT and Third Wave Therapies	5
CPY 7330	Psychological Assessment: Personality and Psychopathology	5
CPY 7929	Pre-Clinical Placement	2
Section Credits Required		42
Year Three Coursework		
CPY 7009	Psychological Interventions IV: Group, Interpersonal, and Integration Therapies	4
CPY 7110	Psychopharmacology	5
CPY 7130	Human Sexuality	5
CPY 7141	Psychological Assessment: Neuropsychology	4
CPY 7280	Diversity and Cultural Competence in Clinical Psychology	5
CPY 7316	Psychological Interventions III: Experiential Dynamic Systems	5
Section Credits Required		28
Advanced Courses ¹		
CPY 7201	Psychological Interventions V: Addictive Behaviors and Externalizing Disorders	4
CPY 7951	Advanced Topical Seminar in Clinical Psychology ¹	8
Section Credits Required		12
Clinical Consult Group I and II		
CPY 7820	Clinical Supervision and Consultation Group ¹	6
Section Credits Required		6
Practicum Training		
CPY 7930	Practicum ¹	16
Section Credits Required		16
Internship		
CPY 7940	Internship ¹	16
Section Credits Required		16
Dissertation		
CPY 7995	Research Mentoring ¹	26
Section Credits Required		26
Total Credits		190

¹ Must be repeated to reach credit requirement

Additional Requirements and Information

- Pass Comprehensive Exam
- Pass Dissertation Defense
- For sequencing, see program plan provided by department

Professional Licensure Disclosure

SPU's PhD in Clinical Psychology meets the educational requirements that will allow you to pursue licensure in the state of Washington. Each state has different professional licensure requirements. Eligibility for licensure may involve more than degree completion and may include professional examinations, background checks, and fingerprinting. The requirements for licensure can change without notice.

The state professional licensing boards make the ultimate decision as to whether or not an individual will be eligible for licensure based on the rules and regulations in place at the time the individual submits their application for licensure. Find information here (<http://spu.edu/academics/professional-licensure-and-certification>) about certification/licensure in the state where you intend to practice.