

M.S. in Clinical Psychology



The clinical program is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in mental health, functioning as counselors and clinicians. It also prepares students for further graduate study. It emphasizes the development of assessment and psychotherapeutic skills through coursework and supervised experience with clients in the department's training clinic, and through internships in local mental-health agencies and hospitals.

The Master of Science program in Clinical Psychology offers 42 and 60 credit options. The 42 credit option is suitable for entering a doctoral program after graduation. The 60 credit option meets the educational requirements in the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) PA regulations and is recommended if you wish to become licensed.

Requirements for the Program:

- 18 undergraduate semester hours in psychology
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- If undergraduate cumulative GPA is 3.0, no GRE scores are required. Below a 3.0 cumulative GPA, you must have minimum General Graduate Record Examination (GRE) verbal (148), quantitative (147) and analytical writing (3.5) components.
- Personal interview
 - The personal interview process will include an individual interview, a group interview, and a writing exercise, which you will complete at the interview appointment.

Application Deadline:

School Psychology is one of the graduate programs at Millersville University with an application deadline for each semester. Deadlines are:

- **January 15** – For upcoming fall semester
- **April 15** - For upcoming fall semester if space is available
- **October 1** – For upcoming spring semester

Applications received after the deadline will be deferred to the next available semester.

Features of our Program:

- This is a comprehensive and well-integrated program of study whose main purpose is to train competent, multi-skilled and ethically-informed practitioners to work in mental health settings or pursue advanced doctoral study.
- In the Clinical program professional competence is seen as a function of personal growth and the development of good interpersonal communication skills combined with a strong knowledge base in psychological assessment and effective interventions with growing emphasis on empirically-supported treatments.
- Our goal is to produce professionally competent master's level practitioners with a solid skill set and an ethically and multi-culturally informed approach to psychological practice who are flexible enough to work as direct service providers in a wide range of inpatient and outpatient public and private mental health settings.

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY (M.S.) CLINICAL PROGRAM

Degree (42 credits), Licensure (60 credits)

Students wishing to pursue licensure as a professional counselor after graduation are advised to complete the clinical program with the following courses, which may be helpful when taking the National Counselor Exam (NCE): SCCN 630 Multicultural Counseling; SCCN 645 Career Development; and PSYC 537 Ethics and Professional Practice. Since March 2007, students have been advised to obtain 60 graduate credits in order to meet educational requirements for licensure.

Major Sequence and Degree Requirements

I. Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is open to those applicants who possess baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year college or university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Applicants must submit supporting documents as required for general admission to a graduate program. Applicants to the Master of Science degree program in clinical psychology are required to have a minimum of 18 undergraduate credits in psychology. In addition to an official undergraduate transcript, three recommendation forms, an autobiographical sketch indicating how the student's desire for advanced training in psychology/counseling developed, a group interview with the program staff, and a writing sample given during the interview form the basis for admission. GRE or MAT scores are needed **ONLY** if undergraduate cumulative GPA is lower than 3.0.

II. Core (9 s.h.)

- PSYC 530 Child Development Within the Family System (3)
- PSYC 612 Research Design and Statistical Analysis (3)
- PSYC 635 Psychopathology (3)

III. Skills I: Core (6 s.h.)

- PSYC 630 Group Processes and Personality (3)
- PSYC 631 Psychotherapy and Intervention Skills (3)

Skills II: Assessment (6 s.h.)

- PSYC 671 Psychological Assessment I (3)
- PSYC 673 Personality Assessment (3)

Skills III: Advanced (6 s.h.)

Selected Therapies (must be two different therapies)

- PSYC 632 Group Counseling and Psychotherapy (3)
- PSYC 636 Cognitive Therapy (3)
- PSYC 638 Cognitive-Behavior Therapy (3)

IV. Electives

Degree: (9 s.h.), choose 3, Licensure: (27 s.h.), choose 9

- PSYC 515 Physiological Psychology (3)
- PSYC 517 Tests and Measures (3)
- PSYC 526 Advanced Adolescent Psychology (3)
- PSYC 536 Applications of Biopsychology (3)
- PSYC 537 Ethics and Professional Practice (3)*
- PSYC 547 Applied Social Psychology (3)
- PSYC 625 Human Growth and Development (3)
- PSYC 633 Systems of Psychotherapy (3)
- PSYC 634 Child Psychopathology and Interventions (4)
- PSYC 637 Theories of Family Dynamics (3)
- PSYC 696 Research Methods in Psychology (3)
- PSYC 699 Thesis (3)
- SCCN 630 Multicultural Counseling (3)*
- SCCN 645 Career Development (3)*

*Clinical students should take these courses if pursuing licensure.

V. Internship (6 s.h.)

- PSYC 682 Internship and Seminar in Psychology (6)

Application Questions:

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