

# CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, PH.D.

## Overview

<https://www.wheaton.edu/graduate-school/degrees/phd-in-clinical-psychology/>

The Ph.D. is designed to prepare students for careers in applied areas of clinical psychology. While requiring a strong program of core courses in the basic areas of psychology, the primary focus of developing professional skills necessary for clinical practice is taught through the applied course work. These courses include a sequence of assessment courses, core paradigm or theory courses, therapeutic interviewing skills, and ethics and professional issues. Practicum/Clerkship training at professional sites begins in the second and continues through the fourth year.

## Faculty

**Director**, Benjamin Pyykkonen

**Interim Director Clinical Training**, Ward Davis

## Admissions

**Requirements for admission to the Ph.D. program** include completion of the bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. In addition, at least 18 semester hours in psychology are required, including at least one course in each of the following groups of courses:

- Abnormal psychology or psychopathology
- Quantitative methods, statistics, research methods, or experimental design
- Physiological psychology
- One course from the traditional scientific subdisciplines (i.e., learning, cognition, sensation/perception, developmental, personality, or social psychology, or industrial/organizational psychology).

Applicants must take the GRE general test. Personal interviews are required for all finalists in the application process.

## Requirements

**Requirements for the Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology** are 122 semester hours of course work. Degree requirements must be completed within seven years of the first date of enrollment. Required courses include:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Scientific Foundations of Psychology</b>		<b>17</b>
PSYC 722	History & Systems	
PSYC 753	Psychopathology	
PSYC 754	Biological Bases of Behavior	
PSYC 755	Cognition & Emotion	
PSYC 773	Lifespan Development	
PSYC 774	Advanced Social Psychology	
<b>Applied Psychology Research</b>		<b>20</b>
PSYC 746	Research and Statistics I	
PSYC 747	Research and Statistics II	
PSYC 749	Stats: Correlation & Reg	

PSYC 766	Research Lab (5 credits total required for degree)	
PSYC 767	Advanced Research Lab (taken during the final 3 semesters on campus)	
<b>Psychological Assessment</b>		<b>6</b>
PSYC 743	Psychological Assessment I: Cognitive Foundations	
PSYC 744	Psychological Assessment II: Personality Foundations	
<b>Psychological Interventions</b>		<b>9</b>
PSYC 736	Cognitive-Behavioral Theory and Practice	
PSYC 737	Psychoanalytic and Contemporary Psychodynamic Theory and Practice	
PSYC 738	Family Systems Theory and Therapy	
<b>Ethics and Professional Development</b>		<b>6</b>
PSYC 714	Professional Development and Ethics I	
PSYC 782	Clinical Supervision and Consultation	
<b>Special and Underserved Populations</b>		<b>6</b>
PSYC 717	Class, Gender, Race, Religion & Sexual Identity	
PSYC 739	Community and Preventive Psychology	
<b>Integration of Faith and Psychology</b>		<b>17</b>
PSYC 701	Foundations of Integration	
PSYC 706	Spirituality I	
PSYC 707	Spirituality II	
PSYC 708	Spirituality III	
PSYC 709	Spirituality IV	
PSYC 801	Theological and Religious Issues in Psychotherapy	
BITH 561	Theological Anthropology	
BITH 565	Christian Theology	
BITH 566	Foundations for Biblical Interpretation	
or BITH 578	Global Church History	
<b>Clinical Psychology Electives</b>		<b>9</b>
Select 9 credits		
<b>Clinical Training</b>		<b>19</b>
PSYC 716	Basic Clinical Interviewing Skills	
PSYC 795	Practicum Seminar (1 credit each, 4 credits total required for PhD)	
PSYC 796	Practica I, II, III, IV (2 credits each, 8 credits total required for PhD)	
PSYC 879	Advanced Practicum I	
PSYC 882	Advanced Practicum I Seminar	
PSYC 883	Advanced Practicum II	
PSYC 884	Advanced Practicum II Seminar	
<b>Clinical Internship and Dissertation</b>		<b>13</b>
Students must successfully complete and orally defend a clinical dissertation (PSYC 993 & PSYC 898) and complete an approved clinical internship (PSYC 896) to graduate.		
PSYC 896	Clinical Internship	
PSYC 898	Clinical Dissertation	
PSYC 993	Clinical Dissertation Proposal	
<b>Examinations</b>		
Psy.D. students must successfully pass the following:		

PSYC 991	Comprehensive Exam (written examination covering the areas of basic and applied psychology)
PSYC 992	Professional Qualifying Exam (PQE) (based on a clinical case presentation)
<b>Total Credits</b>	
<b>122</b>	

The Master of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology will be granted to students in the Ph.D. program upon completion of 48 credits, including a minimum of 42 hours of 700-level courses in psychology. The required courses that must be completed are:

Code	Title	Credits
PSYC 714	Professional Development and Ethics I	3
PSYC 716	Basic Clinical Interviewing Skills	3
PSYC 717	Class, Gender, Race, Religion & Sexual Identity	3
PSYC 736	Cognitive-Behavioral Theory and Practice	3
PSYC 737	Psychoanalytic and Contemporary Psychodynamic Theory and Practice	3
PSYC 738	Family Systems Theory and Therapy	3
PSYC 743	Psychological Assessment I: Cognitive Foundations	3
PSYC 744	Psychological Assessment II: Personality Foundations	3
PSYC 746	Research and Statistics I	3
PSYC 747	Research and Statistics II	3
PSYC 753	Psychopathology	3
PSYC 773	Lifespan Development	3
PSYC 795	Practicum Seminar (1 credit each, 2 credits total required for MA)	2
PSYC 796	Practica I, II, III, IV (2 credits each, 4 credits total required for MA)	4
BITH 561	Theological Anthropology	2
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>48</b>

A maximum of 12 credits applied to the M.A. degree may be transfer credit. Students should file for candidacy for the master's degree after 28 credit hours are completed. To receive approval of candidacy, students will need to document that all prerequisites for admission have been satisfactorily completed. Further, adequacy of progress in academic and professional skill areas and suitability for professional practice in psychology will be reviewed. Students who have a master's degree in clinical psychology from Wheaton upon matriculation into the Ph.D. program may not obtain a second M.A. in this field.