

# CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, PSY.D.

The **Psy.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. The Psy.D. program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association.

The **Master of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology** will be granted to students in the Psy.D. program upon completion of 48 credits, including a minimum of 43 hours of 700-level courses in psychology.

A maximum of 12 credits applied to the M.A. degree may be transfer credit. To be awarded the degree, students must also have completed a minimum of six hours in biblical and theological studies, including BITH 561 and BITH 565. 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 Psy.D. program may not obtain a second M.A. in this field.

## Faculty

**Director**, Benjamin Pyykkonen

**Interim Director Clinical Training**, Ward Davis

## Admissions

**Requirements for admission to the Psy.D. program** include completion of the bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 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:

- General psychology
- 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 Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology** are 120 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>18</b> |
| PSYC 721                                    | History and Systems of Psychology   |           |
| 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>6</b>  |
| PSYC 746                                    | Research and Statistics I   |           |
| PSYC 747                                    | Research and Statistics II  |           |
| <b>Psychological Assessment</b>             |   | <b>7</b>  |
| PSYC 743                                    | Psychological Assessment I: Cognitive Foundations                           |           |
| PSYC 744                                    | Psychological Assessment II: Personality Foundations                        |           |
| PSYC 745                                    | Psychological Assessment III: Integrative Report Writing                    |           |
| <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>19</b> |
| PSYC 701                                    | Foundations of Integration  |           |
| PSYC 731                                    | Spirituality I  |           |
| PSYC 732                                    | Spirituality II   |           |
| PSYC 733                                    | Spirituality III  |           |
| PSYC 734                                    | 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>12</b> |
| Select 12 credits                           |   |           |
| <b>Clinical Training</b>                    |   | <b>20</b> |
| PSYC 716                                    | Basic Clinical Interviewing Skills  |           |
| PSYC 795                                    | Practicum Seminar (1 credit each, 4 credits total required for PsyD)        |           |
| PSYC 796                                    | Practica I, II, III, IV (2 credits each, 8 credits total required for PsyD) |           |

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| PSYC 881   | Advanced Practicum I  |            |
| PSYC 882   | Advanced Practicum I Seminar  |            |
| PSYC 883   | Advanced Practicum II   |            |
| PSYC 884   | Advanced Practicum II Seminar   |            |
| <b>Research Labs</b>   |   | <b>4</b>   |
| PSYC 761   | Research Lab I  |            |
| PSYC 762   | Research Lab II   |            |
| PSYC 763   | Research Lab III  |            |
| PSYC 764   | Research Lab IV   |            |
| <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>120</b> |

The Master of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology will be granted to students in the Psy.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 credit 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> |

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