Clinical Psychology
PhD

The Psychology Department in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Dakota offers graduate degrees in Forensic Psychology (M.A. and M.S.), General/Experimental Psychology (Ph.D.), and Clinical Psychology (Ph.D.). The Clinical Psychology program is accredited by the American Psychological Association. The Psychology Department does not admit students who wish to earn only a Master of Arts degree in general psychology without continuation on to the Ph.D. degree in either clinical or general-experimental psychology. Students are admitted directly into the Ph.D. program in clinical or general-experimental psychology and will be awarded a Master of Arts degree in general psychology upon completion of the following requirements:

• Completion of “Scholarly Tool” coursework to develop skills in as well as and;
• Completion of an empirical, 6 credits);
• Completion of a minimum of 20 elective PSYC course credits at the 500-level or above which are approved by the respective advisory committee and documented in the Program of Study. A maximum of eight credits may be transferred from another institution. Fifteen credits must be completed on campus through UND.

A list of all programs offered, including admission requirements, degree requirements and courses offered can be found in the Degree section.

The mission of the Ph.D. program in clinical psychology is to train scientist-practitioners. The scientist-practitioner model of education and training in psychology is an integrative approach to science and practice wherein each must continually inform the other. This model represents more than a summation of both parts. Scientist-practitioner psychologists embody a research orientation in their practice and practice relevance in their research. Thus, a scientist-practitioner is not defined by a job title or a role, but rather by an integrated approach to both science and practice. The model entails development of interlocking skills to foster a career-long process of psychological investigation, assessment, and intervention.

Goal 1: The clinical program will recruit qualified and capable students who are committed and prepared to complete program requirements in a timely manner.

Goal 2: Graduates of our program will demonstrate a base of knowledge regarding the field of psychology, which extends beyond specialized clinical areas.

Goal 3: Graduates of our program will demonstrate an ability to design, conduct, analyze, and disseminate research that advances knowledge regarding the practice of clinical psychology.

Goal 4: Graduates of our program will demonstrate knowledge in psychopathology and competency in the delivery of a wide range of clinical assessment and psychotherapy services that are theory based and empirically-supported.

Goal 5: Graduates of our program will display ethical and professional conduct with sensitivity to the importance of cultural diversity and individual differences in understanding human psychological functioning.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies’ current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

• A four-year bachelor’s degree from a recognized college or university. For U.S. degrees, accreditation must be by one of the six regional accrediting associations.
• Eighteen (18) hours of undergraduate work in psychology including a course in General Psychology, Developmental, Abnormal, Statistics, and Experimental Psychology.
• A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.2 for all undergraduate work.
• Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies’ English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.
• A year of biological science (biology, physiology, etc.).
• A semester of college algebra.
• General background in other social and natural sciences also recommended.
• Graduate Record Examination— 30th percentile or higher for both (Verbal, Quantitative), 2.5 or higher (Analytic Writing) and Subject.

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Degree Requirements

Students seeking the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the School of Graduate Studies as well as particular requirements set forth by the Psychology Department.

- Minimum of 60 credit hours beyond 30 credits from M.A. degree work is required for the Ph.D. (minimum of 90 credit hours total).
- Maintenance of at least a 3.0 GPA for all classes completed as a graduate student.
- Completion of “Scholarly Tool” coursework to develop skills in research design including:
  - PSYC 541 • Advanced Univariate Statistics 3
  - PSYC 542 • Multivariate Statistics for Psychology 3
  - PSYC 543 • Experimental Design 3
- Completion of an empirical dissertation;
- Graduate students in the clinical psychology Ph.D. program are required to meet a number of eligibility criteria to take comprehensive exams and establish candidacy for the Ph.D. degree. An assessment will be conducted after the student successfully completes all of the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in general psychology. To remain in the Ph.D. program and proceed on to comprehensive exams, practicum assignments, dissertation research, and remaining coursework, the student must have:
  a) earned a cumulative graduate grade point average of at least 3.5;
  b) completed his or her M.A. degree within three years of enrollment;
  c) gained the approval of a majority of the core and associated faculty of the clinical psychology doctoral program.
  Students failing to meet one or more of these requirements will be terminated from the Ph.D. program in clinical psychology.
- Completion of the comprehensive examination for the Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.
- Please refer to the academic catalog for Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology courses required for completion.

Core Clinical Graduate Faculty

- April Bradley, Ph.D., child forensics and sexual assault, child interviewing techniques in forensic interviews.
- Jeffrey Holm, Ph.D., primary prevention of tobacco use and obesity, assessment and treatment of headache, dysmenorrhea and other psychophysiological disorders.
- Alan King, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Training, alcohol research, interpersonal perception, personality development, and adult psychopathology.
- John-Paul Legerski, Ph.D., Emotional expression, peer socialization and psychological function among children and adolescents; autobiographical memory functioning; posttraumatic stress disorder; ethics issues in research participation.
- Alison Looby, Ph.D., assessment and prevention of substance abuse, expectancy and placebo effects, neuropsychological assessment, psychometrics.
- Doug McDonald, Ph.D., INPSYDE Director, Native American assessment and treatment issues.
- Joseph Miller, Ph.D., general test development and issues pertinent to assessment, development of tests for use with persons who are blind or visually impaired.
- Richard Wise, Ph.D., J.D., forensic and clinical psychology, eye witness testimony.

Please refer to the department’s web site for a complete faculty listing and to see statistics for student admissions, outcomes and other data.

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