Counseling Psychology, PhD

Whether you want to prepare to work in academia or in clinical settings, you will gain skills in evidenced-based practice, and you will gain cultural competencies to serve diverse clients.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: PHD Counseling Psychology

This American Psychological Association-accredited PhD program in counseling psychology adheres closely to the scientist-practitioner training model in preparing graduates for employment in academic and service delivery settings. Although faculty interests are diverse, there is a common emphasis on empirical data as the basis for culturally responsive professional practice. The faculty have endorsed the following from the APA: Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct; Guidelines on Multicultural Education, Training, Research, Practice and Organizational Change for Psychologists; and Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Clients.

One manifestation of the program's commitment to the scientist-practitioner model is the three complementary functions of the program’s state-of-the-art counselor training center: service delivery, clinical training and research.

Faculty research foci include couple and family relationships, intersections of ethnic and gender identities, counseling process and outcome, mental health disparities, socioeconomic status and financial stress, career development, retention in education, children and adolescents, and play therapy.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements
113 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation

The doctoral curriculum typically requires three to four years of full-time graduate study plus a yearlong internship in an American Psychological Association-approved setting. Each of these years involves coursework pertaining to theory, research and practice in counseling psychology. Students are expected to maintain full-time status. Full-time status involves being registered for at least nine credit hours per semester in the coursework years. This requirement applies only to the academic year and not summer sessions. At a minimum, students are required to complete two years of coursework in residence at ASU.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GRE scores (which can be no older than five years)
4. personal statement
5. a completed biographical information form
6. writing sample
7. three letters of recommendation
8. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

The personal statement should be 600 words or less, and it should describe the applicant's history, academic and professional goals and reasons for selecting the counseling psychology program at ASU.
Applicants must submit a seven-page sample of the applicant's expository writing (e.g., taken from a paper prepared for a course or a report on a project the applicant has completed in this field).

The preference is that two of the recommendation letters be from persons familiar with the applicant's academic work.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines.

Application Deadlines

Fall

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