Counseling Psychology, PhD

The counseling psychology doctoral program is committed to advancing the next generation of psychologists to serve diverse communities in the U.S. Southwest and beyond.

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 clinical settings.

Although faculty interests are diverse, there is a common emphasis on using empirical data as the basis for culturally-responsive professional practice. The program boasts a strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion as evidenced in course offerings, clinical training, professional development activities and research foci.

Faculty research foci include the following:

- acculturative stress
- cultural socialization
- immigrant well-being
- mental health disparities
- microaggressions
- psychotherapy process and outcome
- retention in graduate education
- social and personal relationships
- socioeconomic status and financial stress

Students enjoy exceptional clinical opportunities including placement in local hospitals, university and college counseling centers, community agencies and assessment sites. The program's state-of-the-art Counselor Training Center provides practicum experiences with campus and community clients as well as clinical supervision experiences. The center supports three complementary functions: clinical service provision, high-quality training, and innovative process and outcome research.
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 APA-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. 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 cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (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. personal statement
4. a completed biographical information form
5. writing sample
6. three letters of recommendation
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

The personal statement should be single-spaced, roughly 600-800 words, 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 sample of their 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) not to exceed 1MB.

At least two of the recommendation letters must be from persons familiar with the applicant's academic work.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines.

Application Deadlines
Fall

Career Opportunities
Graduates of the American Psychological Association-accredited counseling psychology doctoral program meet the licensure requirements of most states. Because requirements vary by state, we recommend that students consult the licensing requirements for the state in which they intend to reside. Graduates provide clinical services in a variety of settings, such as community agencies, hospitals, private practice and university counseling centers. Graduates also are employed in academic positions in universities across the country.

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