

Psychology Doctoral Program Admissions

What Master's and Undergraduate Level Students
Need to Know

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TABLES



Credentials Required to APPLY

Table 1: Required Credentials

	ALL PROGRAMS (N = 221)	Practice subfields (n = 20)	Research subfields (n = 49)	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41)	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22)	Psy.D. (n = 32)
Letters of recommendation	98.2%	100.0%	100.0%	97.6%	100.0%	100.0%
Personal statement	96.8%	95.0%	100.0%	92.7%	100.0%	96.9%
GRE	96.4%	100.0%	100.0%	95.1%	100.0%	87.5%
Undergraduate GPA	91.4%	100.0%	89.8%	90.2%	81.8%	93.8%
Interview	67.9%	70.0%	34.7%	78.0%	86.4%	96.9%
Curriculum Vitae	60.6%	70.0%	42.9%	65.9%	95.5%	84.4%
Student-mentor research match	57.0%	55.0%	73.5%	75.6%	45.5%	0.0%

Table 2: Required Credentials

	ALL PROGRAMS (N = 221)	Practice subfields (n = 20)	Research subfields (n = 49)	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41)	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22)	Psy.D. (n = 32)
Research assistance experience	27.1%	25.0%	28.6%	43.9%	27.3%	3.1%
Graduate GPA	24.9%	25.0%	20.4%	12.2%	59.1%	37.5%
MA/MS Degree	8.6%	15.0%	10.2%	0.0%	18.2%	18.8%
Other	8.1%	10.0%	10.2%	12.2%	9.1%	3.1%
Work/life experience	7.2%	10.0%	2.0%	2.4%	22.7%	18.8%
Diversity experience	5.4%	5.0%	0.0%	4.9%	18.2%	9.4%
GRE Subject Test	5.4%	0.0%	8.2%	7.3%	4.5%	9.4%
Clinical/Counseling experience	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	27.3%	12.5%

Table 3: Required Credentials

	ALL PROGRAMS (N = 221)	Practice subfields (n = 20)	Research subfields (n = 49)	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41)	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22)	Psy.D. (n = 32)
Research publications	3.6%	0.0%	2.0%	9.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Independent research project	2.7%	0.0%	2.0%	7.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Conference presentations	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	9.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Contacted faculty before applying	2.3%	0.0%	4.1%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Master's thesis	1.8%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%
Campus visit before applying	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%
Internship experience	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	3.1%
Teaching assistance experience	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sole or co-teaching experience	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Credentials Important to ADMISSION

Table 4: *Primary Importance*

	Practice subfields (n = 20) M (SE)	Research subfields (n = 49) M (SE)	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41) M (SE)	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22) M (SE)	Psy.D. (n = 32) M (SE)
Personal statement	2.9 (.07)	2.8 (.06)	2.8 (.06)	3.0 (.00)	2.8 (.07)
Letters of recommendation	2.8 (.08)	2.9 (.06)	2.8 (.07)	3.0 (.04)	2.7 (.08)
Interview	2.8 (.10)	2.6 ^b (.11)	2.8 (.06)	3.0 ^a (.00)	2.9 ^a (.04)
Undergraduate GPA	2.7 (.13)	2.7 (.07)	2.8 (.07)	2.7 (.10)	2.8 (.09)
Student-mentor research match	2.7 ^b (.17)	2.9 ^{b,1} (.04)	2.9 ^{b,1} (.05)	2.5 ^{b,2} (.15)	1.5 ^a (.15)
GRE	2.7 (.10)	2.6 (.07)	2.7 (.08)	2.5 (.13)	2.7 (.09)

1: Not Important To 3: Very Important
^a differs from ^b; ¹ differs from ²

Table 5: *Secondary Importance*

	Practice subfields (n = 20) M (SE)	Research subfields (n = 49) M (SE)	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41) M (SE)	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22) M (SE)	Psy.D. (n = 32) M (SE)
Graduate GPA	2.3 (.21)	2.4 (.11)	2.2 (.15)	2.6 (.15)	2.4 (.13)
Curriculum Vitae	2.5 (.12)	2.2 (.10)	2.5 (.11)	2.6 (.13)	2.2 (.12)
Research assistance experience	2.1 ^a (.16)	2.3 ^a (.11)	2.6 ^a (.08)	2.1 ^a (.15)	1.4 ^b (.13)
Independent research project	2.1 (.12)	2.0 (.09)	2.1 (.13)	1.8 (.10)	1.6 (.10)
Research Publications	1.9 (.13)	2.0 (.10)	2.3 (.11)	2.0 (.11)	1.6 (.13)

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^a differs from ^b

Table 6: Tertiary Importance (All 221 Programs)

	M (SD)
Diversity experience	1.9 (.06)
Conference presentations	1.9 (.04)
Other	1.8 (.22)
Work/life experience	1.7 (.05)
Clinical/Counseling internship	1.7 (.06)
Applied research internship	1.6 (.05)
MA/MS Degree	1.5 (.71)
Master's Thesis	1.5 (.05)

	M (SD)
GRE Subject Test	1.4 (.07)
Contacted faculty before applying	1.4 (.05)
Campus visit before applying	1.2 (.04)
Teaching assistance experience	1.2 (.03)
Sole or co-instructor experience	1.1 (.03)
Earned a concentration	1.1 (.03)
Earned a certificate	1.1 (.02)

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Table 7: *Tertiary* Importance

	Practice subfields (n = 20) M (SE)	Research subfields (n = 49) M (SE)	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41) M (SE)	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22) M (SE)	Psy.D. (n = 32) M (SE)
Diversity experience	1.7 ^{b,2} (.17)	1.5 ^{b,2} (.13)	1.9 ² (.12)	2.5 ¹ (.13)	2.4 ^a (.15)
Conference presentations	1.9 (.10)	1.7 ^b (.09)	2.3 ^a (.10)	1.8 ^b (.08)	1.8 ^b (.10)
Work/life experience	2.1 ^a (.16)	1.4 ^b (.10)	1.5 ² (.10)	2.3 ^{a,1} (.17)	2.1 ^{a,1} (.11)
Clinical/Counseling internship experience	1.7 (.22)	1.0 ^b (.00)	1.7 ^a (.12)	2.0 ^a (.18)	2.1 ^a (.14)
Contacted faculty before applying	1.5 ^a (.16)	1.8 (.12)	1.2 ^b (.08)	1.1 ^b (.08)	1.1 ^b (.07)

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Table 8: Effects of Having a Master's Degree on Admission Offer

	ALL PROGRAMS (N = 221) %	Practice subfields (n = 20) %	Research subfields (n = 49) %	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41) %	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22) %	Psy.D. (n = 32) %
Very positive	8.1	10.0	6.1	2.4	27.3	15.6
Positive	44.8	45.0	49.0	43.9	40.9	40.6
No effect	43.9	40.0	40.8	51.2	27.3	40.6
Negative	1.8	5.0	2.0	2.4	0.0	3.1
Very negative	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
No response	0.9	0.0	2.1	0.1	4.5	0.1

Table 9: Likelihood of Admitting Master's Applicants Over Undergraduate Applicants

	ALL PROGRAMS (N = 221) %	Practice subfields (n = 20) %	Research subfields (n = 49) %	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41) %	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22) %	Psy.D. (n = 32) %
Much More Likely	7.2	5.0	4.1	2.4	27.3	15.6
Somewhat More Likely	21.3	15.0	20.4	14.6	36.4	18.7
Equally Likely	62.9	70.0	71.4	63.5	31.8	56.3
Somewhat Less Likely	6.3	10.0	2.0	19.5	0.0	6.3
Much Less Likely	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1
No response	0.9	0.0	2.1	0.0	4.5	0.0

Table 10: Transferability of Completed Thesis

	ALL PROGRAMS (N = 221) %	Practice subfields (n = 20) %	Research subfields (n = 49) %	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41) %	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22) %	Psy.D. (n = 32) %
Can be transferred	13.1	5.0	20.4	9.8	13.6	3.1
Contingent on review	41.6	40.0	44.9	46.3	4.5	6.3
No comparable requirement	14.0	20.0	6.1	4.9	22.7	40.6
No transfer	30.8	10.0	22.4	31.7	45.5	46.9
No response	0.5	25	6.1	7.3	13.6	3.1

Table 11: Time Reduced If Entering with Master's Degree

	ALL PROGRAMS (N = 221) %	Practice subfields (n = 20) %	Research subfields (n = 49) %	Clinical Ph.D. (n = 41) %	Counseling Ph.D. (n = 22) %	Psy.D. (n = 32) %
Up to 2 years	15.4	15.0	28.6	4.9	22.7	0.0
Up to 1 year	35.7	65.0	46.9	36.6	36.4	21.9
Less than 1 year	20.4	10.0	10.2	22.0	18.2	28.1
Contingent on review	4.1	0.0	4.1	2.4	0.0	3.1
No time Reduced	23.5	10.0	8.2	34.1	18.2	46.9
No response	0.9	0.0	2.0	0.0	4.5	0.0

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