



# School of Community Health Sciences, Counseling & Counseling Psychology

## PhD in Counseling Psychology at Oklahoma State University – Frequently Asked Questions

Questions	Answers
Is the doctoral program accredited?	Yes. The doctoral program has been continually accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association since 1992.
Can I complete the program as a full-time or part-time student?	Students completing the doctoral program must enroll full time. Students who are admitted at the post-bachelor's level begin in the summer semester and students who are admitted at the post-masters' level begin their studies in the fall.
How long will it take to complete the Counseling Psychology doctoral program?	Students who enter the program at the post-bachelor's level typically complete the program in 5 years, while students who enter the program at the post-master's level typically complete the program in 4 years.
Is there financial aid available to help me pay for this program?	Students in the Counseling Psychology doctoral program in their first year are guaranteed departmental financial aid in the form of full tuition waivers and paid research or teaching-focused graduate assistantships. Most students completing their second through fifth years in the program are also able to secure these paid assistantships as well. Currently enrolled graduate students who are pursuing degrees through the OSU College of Education, Health and Aviation are also eligible for EHA scholarships. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://education.okstate.edu/scholarships">https://education.okstate.edu/scholarships</a> .
Will I have to take all of my classes on the main (Stillwater) campus?	Most of the required doctoral program classes are only offered on the Stillwater campus. However, there are a few classes a doctoral student may take online or on the OSU-Tulsa campus. A shuttle bus (BOB) is available to students commuting to the OSU-Tulsa campus for classes. Students are charged a nominal fee to ride the bus.
What is the admissions application deadline?	December 1 <sup>st</sup>
What materials must be included in the admissions application?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GRE score less than five years old</li> <li>• Transcripts from all colleges attended</li> <li>• 2-3 page personal statement</li> <li>• Three recommendation letters (from instructors, university advisors, professional supervisors)</li> <li>• Current curriculum vita</li> <li>• Writing Sample</li> </ul>
Is there a minimum GRE score or minimum GPA required to apply for the doctoral program?	Students are admitted for the doctoral program based on overall goodness of fit.
Where do graduates of the doctoral program typically find employment?	Graduates of our program have found employment as faculty members in colleges and universities and as counseling psychologists in university counseling centers, public service settings such as VAMCs and prisons, child/adolescent guidance centers, community mental health clinics, rehabilitation centers, family services, private practice settings, academic settings, and medical settings, such as hospitals.
Who should I contact if I have additional questions about the Counseling Psychology program?	The training director for the Counseling Psychology program is Dr. Melanie Wilcox. Her email address is <a href="mailto:mel.wilcox@okstate.edu">mel.wilcox@okstate.edu</a> .