The counseling psychology doctoral program provides excellent, student-centered training toward becoming a counseling psychologist. Our approach is to match educational experiences with the interests and skills of our students so that they are equipped to work in a variety of settings. The program uses a scientist-practitioner model of training with a strong focus on social justice and multiculturalism. It is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association.

Faculty research focus and professional interests include:

- Couple and family relationships
- Ethics and social justice
- Multicultural and international issues
- Health and wellness promotion
- Body image
- Bullying
- Intersection of gender and sexual/affectionate orientation
- Mentoring and supervision
- Counseling LGBTQIA clients
- Addictions
- Counselor training
- College student retention
- Suicide prevention
- Children and adolescents
- Play therapy
- Prevention
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To apply for the program, students must complete and submit the following:

1. Graduate College Application
   - Visit app.it.okstate.edu/gradcollege to complete the online application
   - Submit the non-refundable application fee
   - Submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions

2. Program Application
   - Current resume/ vita
   - Three letters of recommendation
   - Official GRE scores (less than five years old)
   - Personal statement
   - Writing sample

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted once per year and must be received by December 1. An applicant’s file will be reviewed once all materials have been received by the Graduate College.

Applicants will be screened by a committee of counseling psychology faculty members. Finalists will be asked to participate in an on-campus interview. These interviews are mandatory, although some provisions may be made for out-of-state students. Final admission decisions will be made following the interview process.

PROGRAM APPLICATION OPTIONS

- Post-Bachelor’s
  Students pursuing this program option begin coursework during the summer term and complete a M.S. in Educational Psychology en route to the Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. Applicants who identify with one of the following should apply as a post-bachelor’s student:
    - Hold only a bachelor’s degree
    - Hold a master’s degree in a non-helping skills focused field such as higher education, business, etc. or who have not completed at least 100 hours of supervised clinical training

- Post-Master’s
  Students pursuing this program option begin coursework during the fall term. Applicants who hold a master’s degree in counseling, clinical psychology, marriage and family therapy or a similar field and who have completed at least 100 hours of supervised clinical experience such as an internship or practicum should apply as post-master’s students.

COURSEWORK

Three broad areas of academic coursework are emphasized in the program: general psychology core, counseling psychology core and research core.

All students in the counseling psychology doctoral program must complete a minimum of three years of study at OSU. Each doctoral student must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of doctoral level practicum and 15 credit hours of dissertation as well as academic coursework approved by their advisory committee.

- Post-Master’s
  - Students who enter the program with a master’s degree must complete two years of full-time graduate study, a third year of completion of the dissertation and remaining coursework, and a fourth year for completion of the full-time, pre-doctoral internship.
  - A minimum of 117 graduate credit hours is required for post-master’s students

- Post-Bachelor’s
  - Students who enter the doctoral program with a bachelor’s degree must complete the prerequisite year of coursework at OSU prior to beginning the post-master’s sequence of study.
  - A minimum of 129 graduate credit hours is required for post-bachelor’s students

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Students in the Counseling Psychology doctoral program in their first year are guaranteed departmental financial aid in the form of full tuition waivers and a paid research or teaching-focused graduate assistantship. Most students completing their second through fifth years in the program are also able to secure paid assistantships.

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: education.okstate.edu/scholarships.

MORE INFORMATION

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