

How to Apply to the Oklahoma State University
Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program

All applications are submitted online through the Oklahoma State University Graduate College. You must meet Graduate College requirements and our program requirements. You can find out more about Graduate College requirements here: <http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/content/application-process-0>
To apply, go here: <http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/apply>

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1ST.

OSU Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program Requirements	
Applicant CV	This is different from a resume. If you don't know what a CV is or how it is different from a resume, you should consider researching it or asking someone for help. We are looking for your educational background; research, teaching, or clinical experiences (if applicable); work or volunteer experiences; professional or other organization memberships; awards and honors; and any other skills that might apply in a counseling psychology setting.
Personal Statement	We recommend approximately two single-spaced pages. Please do not just list what was already listed on your CV and please do not give us your whole life story. We are trying to get a sense of who you are as a person, student, and professional. We want to gauge your readiness and fit with our program. Some things to consider: Why are you interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in counseling psychology? Why are you interested in the program at OSU specifically?
THREE letters of recommendation	*Note that the #1 reason why applicants' files are considered incomplete at the deadline is because letter writers have not submitted their letters on time. We encourage you to give your recommenders plenty of time to upload their letters. Letters are typically 1-2 single-spaced pages and should address your potential as a counseling psychologist: potential for clinical work, for research, and for service.
Writing Sample	This should be an example of your writing; group writing is not acceptable. An assignment turned in for a class is a good example.
Official GRE scores	These must be sent from ETS to the Graduate College with plenty of time to meet the December 1 deadline.
Transcripts	This is also a Graduate College requirement. You can upload unofficial transcripts into the system. Then, if you are accepted to the program, we will ask for official transcripts to be sent to the Graduate College.
Graduate college fee	Please see the Graduate College website for fee information.

TOEFL/IELTS scores, if appropriate	Please see the Graduate College website for TOEFL/IELTS score information.
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Should I apply as a post-bachelor's student or a post-master's student?

- If you hold a bachelor's degree and no other graduate degrees, you should apply as a post-bachelor's degree student. Our post-bachelor's students all begin in the SUMMER. They complete a master's degree in Educational Psychology en route to the Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology.
- If you hold a master's degree in counseling, clinical psychology, marriage and family therapy, or a similar field, you probably qualify to apply as a post-master's student. To be a post-master's student, you must have AT LEAST 100 hours of supervised clinical experience such as an internship or practicum. Please contact the Training Director to clarify any questions prior to completing your application.
- If you hold a master's degree in a related field or unrelated field such as Higher Education, Business, or other, or if you have not completed at least 100 hours of supervised clinical training, you should probably apply as a post-bachelor's track student. Please contact the Training Director to clarify any questions prior to completing your application.

Should I contact faculty prior to applying?

- Faculty welcome your inquiries about their research and scholarship. However, you should be aware that unlike some other counseling psychology programs, faculty do not "take" students into their labs. Rather, we admit students based on overall goodness of fit. Students and faculty make collaborative decisions about their research advisors in their first year post-master's.

What makes OSU's program different?

- We consider our program to be a student-centered program that focuses on collaboration rather than competition. We like to allow for student flexibility in choice of practicum placements, research opportunities, and graduate assistantships. This flexibility also means that students should have lots of self-initiative and motivation.

What else should I know about the program at OSU?

- Our program is competitive nationally and internationally. Applicants should be able to clearly articulate their reasoning for their interest in our program beyond geographical convenience or the simple desire to pursue a Ph.D.