

OVERVIEW OF THE PHD PROGRAM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Year 1 Coursework

- PSY 805.3 Univariate Statistics
- PSY 813.3 Psychological Assessment I: The theory and practice of personality assessment
- PSY 814.3 Psychological Assessment II: The theory and practice of cognitive assessment
- PSY 831.3 Psychopathology and Individual Differences I
- PSY 850.3 Topics in Psychological Therapy I
- PSY 858.3 Ethical and Professional Issues in Clinical Psychology

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PhD Qualifying Exam and
Transfer MA/PhD by end
of Year 1

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End of Year 1 into Year 2

Supervised clinical placement-USPC

Year 2 Coursework

- PSY 807.3 Statistics or PSY 809.3 Qualitative (one required)
- PSY 811.3 Program Evaluation
- PSY 841.3 Psychopathology and Individual Differences II
- Core Content Area Course i.e., Biological Bases (may defer to Year 3)

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To be eligible for registration in North America students from CPA programs must demonstrate foundational knowledge via General Psychology Core Content Areas: 1) history and systems of science; 2) social-cultural bases of behaviour; 3) cognitive-affective bases of behaviour; 4) individual differences, diversity, growth and lifespan development; 5) biological bases of behaviour & psychopharmacology

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Year 2

Supervised clinical placement-USPC

Defend doctoral
dissertation proposal to a
committee of experts

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PhD Comprehensive
exams focused on clinical
decision making

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Year 3 Coursework

- Core Content Area Course (i.e., Biological Bases)
- PSY 845.3 Clinical Supervision and Consultation
- PSY 852.3 Topics in Psychological Therapy II
- PSY 860.3 Learning from Indigenous Cultural Perspectives on Health and Healing
- Core Content Area Course 2 (i.e., History & Systems, if necessary)

Year 3

Supervised clinical placement-Community

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Year 4

• Focus on dissertation research & applying for residency

Year 4

Supervised clinical placement-Community

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Year 5

Pre-doctoral residency - match process to hospital or clinic sites across North America. One year full-time immersion in supervised clinical work.

PhD Defense
Completed a doctoral dissertation and defend to an
external expert

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Registration

Register as a clinical psychologist to practice
independently as a mental health practitioner