

Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology

The doctoral program in counseling psychology trains generalists who are able to engage in a variety of activities ranging from clinical treatment to academic research. Reflecting a "scientist-practitioner" model, the curriculum prepares clinicians who apply the best and most current theory and research to their practice, and academicians who are grounded in the realities of practice. Although preparing students to be able to assess and treat the full range of disorders that psychologists address, our emphasis as counseling psychologists is upon personal, social, and career development of the whole person, and upon enhancing the environments in which people learn and work.

Students learn to critically evaluate major approaches to counseling, to evaluate, design, and conduct research, and to gain clinical experience working with people of diverse cultural backgrounds and worldviews. The program is intended for full-time students.

Since 1955, the Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. If you have questions about our program's accreditation status, please contact: American Psychological Association, 750 1st Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242 Phone: (202) 336-5979.

Admission

For admission requirements, please see the Counseling Psychology Ph.D. (<https://epsy.ku.edu/academics/counseling-psychology/phd/details/>) page. International admission requirements, including English language proficiency requirements, can be found on the Graduate Admissions (<https://gradapply.ku.edu/International-requirements/>) page.

Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Degree Requirements

Required Major Courses:

Code	Title	Hours
ABSC 857	Biological Bases of Behavior (OR)	3
EPSY 836	Behavioral & Systems Neuroscience in Education	
EPSY 880	Ethical and Legal Issues in Psychology and Counseling	3
EPSY 740	Counseling and Interviewing Skills	3
EPSY 742	Counseling Theory and Techniques	3
EPSY 830	Individual and Group Assessment	3
EPSY 844	Theory of Group Counseling	3
EPSY 846	Career Development	3
EPSY 951	Psychodiagnostic Assessment	3
EPSY 952	Advanced Counseling Theory and Research	3
EPSY 954	Vocational Psychology	3
EPSY 945	Clinical Supervision and Consultation	3
EPSY 918	Seminar in Current Issues in Counseling Psychology	1
EPSY 842	Counseling Practicum (Elementary, Secondary, Counseling Psychology) (2 semesters =12 hrs.)	6

EPSY 948	Advanced Practicum I (2 semesters = 6 hrs.)	3
EPSY 949	Advanced Practicum II (2 semesters=6 hrs.)	3
EPSY 996	College Teaching Experience in: _____	2
EPSY 990	Internship in Counseling Psychology (three semesters =3 hrs.)	1
EPSY 807	Theories and Research in Human Learning	3
EPSY 808	Advanced Social Psychology: Theory, Research, and Professional Applications (OR)	3
PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psychology II	
PSYC 805	History of Psychology (OR)	3
EPSY 882	History and Systems of Psychology	
EPSY 705	Human Development through the Lifespan	3
EPSY 890	Diagnosis and Psychopathology (OR)	3
PSYC 960	Advanced Psychopathology	
EPSY 875	Understanding Cultural & Individual Differences in Professional Psychology	3
Elective 1-course selection with advisor		3
Elective 2-course selection with advisor		3
EPSY 999	Doctoral Dissertation	1-15

Required Research Skills:

Code	Title	Hours
EPSY 810	Regression and ANOVA: General Linear Models	3
EPSY 905	Fundamentals of Multivariate Modeling	3
EPSY 955	Research Methods in Counseling Psychology	3
EPSY 822	Educational Scales, Questionnaires, and Sampling (OR)	3
EPSY 921	Advanced Measurement Theory and Practice	
EPSY 901	Research Practicum in: _____	3

Timing of Comprehensive Exams.

Given the timing of internship placements through the national match process, School Psychology and Counseling Psychology Ph.D. students may be allowed to take comprehensive exams with up to 6 hours of non-required coursework remaining, so long as the remaining courses are not considered part of the research skills requirement, or part of the program core that will be the subject of examination. These remaining hours can count towards the required 18 post-comp hours although students are still required to enroll in dissertation hours each term until the dissertation is successfully defended and completed.