



# DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Clinical Psychology at West Chester University is designed to prepare students to obtain a variety of specialized positions. Specifically, our graduates are eligible to pursue a license as a clinical psychologist, to practice as culturally competent psychotherapists, to supervise graduate student training in mental health related disciplines, to provide consultation related to mental health within a diverse range of communities and organizations, and to teach undergraduate and graduate students in topics related to clinical psychology.

The PsyD program at WCU is a full-time, 5-year program (Fall, Spring, and Summer) which follows a practitioner-scholar model, preparing students for leadership roles as culturally competent psychologists. The program provides significant training in evidence-based assessment and therapeutic interventions through coursework and supervised clinical training experiences beginning in the first year of the program.

The WCU PsyD program offers students the opportunity to choose a clinical specialization in Child and Adolescent Mental Health or Trauma. Elective courses (12 credits) and advanced practicum training experiences in Years 3 and 4 provide depth of training and expertise in specialty areas. Academic advisors are very hands-on in our program and help each student to select the courses that best support specific training goals that enhance the student's learning.

West Chester University has its own on-campus community mental health services clinic which is open to both the campus and broader West Chester area communities. This state of the art training facility offers a range of assessment and therapy services for a diverse socio-economic population. Supervised by licensed clinical psychologists, WCU Psy.D. students provide clinical services to children, families, and adults in the community. Clinical training within the in-house clinic begins in the first year of study and continues through year two (in addition to in-class coursework). In the third and fourth years, students continue their clinical training in off-campus advanced practicum placements within the greater Philadelphia region, while completing elective courses, studies in program evaluation, consultation and supervision, as well as their comprehensive examination and dissertation. The fifth year of study is dedicated exclusively to a full-time, predoctoral clinical internship.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Training in a state-of-the-art, campus-based community mental health clinic beginning in the first year
- Clinical supervision from licensed psychologists who are core faculty members
- Specializations in Trauma or Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Experience with outreach to underserved communities
- Affordable tuition: WCU is the only public university offering a PsyD program in the region
- Graduate assistantships offered to all incoming first year students with the potential to renew for an additional 2 years
- Broad range of faculty research interests and publications
- Faculty and student offices are collocated in the same building as clinical and research space

## FAST FACTS

- 85,000 median pay for clinical psychologists in 2017 (according to APA Center for Workforce Studies)
- 14% projected industry growth through 2026 (according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

## AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA) ACCREDITATION

The PsyD program is not currently accredited by APA. As a new program whose inaugural cohort entered in Fall 2016, our application for initial accreditation is currently under review by the APA Commission on Accreditation (CoA). Questions related to the program's accreditation status should be directed to the CoA: Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242. Telephone: (202) 336-5979, TDD/TTY: (202) 336-6123, Fax: (202) 336-5978.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The deadline for receipt of application is December 15.

- An undergraduate overall GPA of 3.0. For applicants with a Master's degree, a cumulative GPA of 3.3 for the graduate program is required.
- GRE General test must have been taken within the past 5 years, with recommended minimum scores of 153 (Verbal) and 148 (Quantitative).
- Undergraduate Psychology Major is required OR a major from a related discipline, unless the applicant has already obtained a graduate degree in Psychology.
- Successful completion of PSY courses (at undergraduate or graduate level) in Abnormal/Clinical Psychology, Research Methods, Personality Theories, and Statistics.
- Three letters of recommendation are required. At least one letter must be from an academic source.
- A statement of professional interests is required.
- A subset of qualified applicants will be selected for interviews.
  - In person interviews and a tour of the department are required as part of the application process.
  - Only students who have completed the interview process will be eligible for matriculation.

Applicants may apply online at [www.wcupa.edu/applynow](http://www.wcupa.edu/applynow).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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