CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, MA

Roosevelt offers both master’s and doctoral degrees in psychology: the Master of Arts (MA) and the Doctor of Psychology (PsyD). The MA degrees are in the areas of clinical, clinical (counseling practice), and industrial/organizational psychology (including an option for combined IO MA/MBA). The PsyD is in clinical psychology.

The Clinical Psychology MA program is designed to provide students with a foundation in clinical psychology, which can lead to potential advancement in the workplace, expertise in a research setting, or preparation for Doctoral Studies.

Graduates of this program are NOT eligible to apply for licensure as a professional counselor. This is a 39 to 40 credit hour program that provides broad-based training in psychological assessment and intervention, as well as in the theory and research that support these practices. This program is designed for those who are currently employed in fields such as social work, counseling, nursing, or business and wish to broaden their areas of expertise. Students who wish to seek the professional counselor's license (LPC, or later LCPC) should apply to the Clinical Psychology (Counseling Practice) MA program.

Admission

It is recommended that applicants have completed the following prerequisite courses with at least a 3.0 (B) average: general psychology, abnormal psychology, and research methods. Some students with undergraduate deficiencies may be considered for admission with faculty recommendation to complete one or more of these three prerequisite courses as a condition of admission.

Applications are considered only for the fall semester. Space in the Chicago campus is limited and applications will be considered as space is available.

For priority consideration for the fall semester, applications are due February 1. The final application deadline for the fall semester is May 1.

Standards

- **General GPA standards**: Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 (B) grade point average. No more than two grades of C+, C, or C- (six credit hours) will be counted toward the MA degree. For additional information concerning grading and academic discipline, see the general University regulations.
- **Time limit**: Students are allowed six years in which to complete the MA degree and only courses completed within six years of the time the student enters the program will be counted toward the degree.
- **Competency requirement**: The competency requirement is designed to ensure that all students seeking the MA degree demonstrate an acceptable level of mastery of general psychology. It is a prerequisite for all 600-level courses. The competency requirement must be met within the first 18 credit hours of graduate credit. Students who fail to meet the competency requirement within this time period will be considered for dismissal from the program. Students can meet the competency requirement in one of the two ways detailed below.
  - a. **GRE method**: Students must earn a score of at least the 70th percentile on the psychology subject test of the Graduate Record Examination.
  - b. **Grade point average method**: Students must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.0 in the following courses:
    - PSYC 407 INTERMEDIATE STATISTICS
    - PSYC 505 FOUNDATIONS OF COUNSELING
    - PSYC 516 PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
    - PSYC 519 BASIC CLINICAL SKILLS (with a grade of B or better)
    - PSYC 530 ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS
    - PSYC 531 PROFESSIONAL, LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES
    - PSYC 619 ASSESSMENT IN COUNSELING
  - **Electives**: Two courses from any Psychology course at the 400, 500, or 600 level
  - **Therapy**: Select two of the following:
    - PSYC 641 COGNITIVE/BEHAVIORAL COUNSELING
    - PSYC 642 PSYCHODYNAMIC COUNSELING

Program Governance and Personnel

The Department of Psychology appoints a Program Evaluation Group (PEG) to oversee the administration and development of the MA programs in Clinical Psychology and Clinical Psychology (Counseling Practice). The PEG is led by the Director of Clinical MA Programs and is additionally composed of several other faculty members appointed each academic year. In addition, each year a student in one of the clinical MA programs from each campus is invited to represent student interests on the PEG. The PEG is responsible for decisions on student admission and for recommendations on student remediation or dismissal.

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Final Project

Complete the final project 6
Total Credit Hours 39

Final Project: Thesis

Code   Title                      Credit Hours
PSYC 690 MA THESIS (Semester 1) 3
PSYC 690 MA THESIS (Semester 2) 3
Total Credit Hours 6

Final Project: Concentration Sequence

Consult with the Director of the Clinical MA Programs to select 6 credit hours for your concentration sequence.

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).