

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (PH.D.)

Overview

The doctoral training program in clinical psychology is a single program that prepares students for and makes them eligible to take the New York State Licensing Examination in Psychology. Students can specialize in one of four areas through elective courses, selecting an appropriate externship, and conducting either their M.A. or doctoral research in that area.

Students are expected to be in residence for their first four years, typically taking three to four courses in addition to Clinical Topics Seminar and Research Colloquium per semester. Most students also take some courses over the summer, with up to two summer courses covered by their tuition scholarship. In total, students are required to complete 60 course credits. Externship, Research Practicum, Dissertation, and an APA-accredited internship bring the total to the 85 credits required for graduation. Courses taken over the summer or transferred from a prior institution may reduce the number of courses per semester or provide greater flexibility in selecting and scheduling electives.

Clinical Psychology Placement

Students are admitted to the clinical program within the psychology department rather than to a faculty member's lab. However, students interested in working with a particular faculty member are strongly encouraged to indicate this interest in their admission materials, as the vast majority of students enter the program with a clearly identified mentor.

The clinical program also admits students who do not declare which faculty member would be their academic and/or research adviser as part of the admissions process. These students are free to select the faculty members most able to direct the research interest they cultivate during their first year. Students are welcome to work with another faculty member on their doctoral dissertation should their research interests change during their time in the program.