

MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

The program in clinical psychology is a curriculum emphasizing assessment and intervention skills. Competencies in interviewing techniques, assessment skills, psychotherapy, and behavioral interventions receive focus through theoretical and practicum courses and the six-month supervised clinical internship. The required thesis gives a clinically related research experience leading to appreciation and utilization of the literature in later practices as well as additional research in many cases. Students interested in teaching can gain experience through teaching assistantships. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for licensure as a Psychological Associate in North Carolina. Once licensed, graduates are employable in a variety of settings, including mental health centers, hospitals, community colleges, and private practice.

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

The program in General Psychology has three concentrations: Industrial/Organizational (I/O), Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD), and Academic/Experimental (A/E). The I/O and MR/DD concentrations both adopt the scientist/practitioner model, building skill courses on a solid base of general psychology. Both concentrations also require an internship. The A/E concentration can be tailored to individual interests, especially in the areas of physiological, social, or experimental, and is intended to provide a solid background, emphasizing research, leading to acceptance into a Ph.D. granting institution. In all three concentrations, most students also gain experience as teaching and/or research assistants. Most courses are offered at night on a three-year, rotated schedule so that it is possible to earn a degree on a part-time basis.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

The program goal is to develop Level II school psychology practitioners who apply psychological knowledge and techniques to educational and administrative problems in schools. The functions include school consultation, planning and implementing intervention strategies, and individual psychological assessment. Research capabilities are stressed at both the applied and basic level. Internships and practicums provide students with a wide array of experiences with children of different ages and in different settings.

School Psychology training is provided at two levels: the Master's Program and the Certificate of Advanced Studies Program (CAS). The CAS program extends students beyond the basic core and prepares them for both consultative and supervisory roles. Both are NCATE approved and meet the State of North Carolina Certificate requirements. Upon completion of the program, students receive North Carolina certification as a Level II School Psychologist and are eligible to become nationally credentialed as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist and licensed Psychological Associate in North Carolina.

FINANCIAL AID

Almost all of the psychology graduate students receive some form of financial aid. Most teach a section or two of the introductory course, under the supervision of a senior faculty member. Others serve as research assistants or as assistants to program directors. Both teaching and research are considered important parts of graduate training. Stipends range from \$800 to \$1,600 per semester.

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

East Carolina University, a comprehensive institution of higher learning, is a constituent member of the University of North Carolina system and is the third largest university in North Carolina. Campus enrollment is over 16,000, with about 3,000 graduate students. The University includes nine professional schools, a College of Arts and Sciences, a Graduate School, and a School of Medicine.

Founded in 1907, the University is located in Greenville, a progressive city of about 50,000 that serves as the cultural, economic, educational, and medical center of eastern North Carolina's coastal plain. East Carolina is within a two hour drive of both the state capital, Raleigh, and Atlantic coast beaches.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for graduate admission can be obtained from the Graduate School, 215 Brewster, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353. Inquiries about particular psychology programs should be directed to Chairperson, Department of Psychology, 115 Rawl, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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