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Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The M.A. Clinical Psychology program is a practitioner model to promote professional mental health services to individuals, couples, groups, institutions and the society at large. The program will provide education and training in professional standards of practice in clinical psychology. Furthermore, international ethical standards are incorporated into the program, to prepare the student for clinical practice in both public and private domain worldwide. The program's global quality and standards are professionally delivered by distinguished international faculty with recognized expertise in clinical psychology. In addition to other PsyD application requirements, this degree meets the eligibility criteria for the Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) Clinical Psychology program.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Conduct research in the area of Clinical Psychology.
2. Conduct case conceptualization and treatment plan.
3. Diagnose disorders, symptoms and differential diagnoses using the current DSM.
4. Utilize psychotherapeutic techniques and skills when providing treatment.
5. Write clinical progress notes, empirically based treatment plans, psychological reports, and case presentations.
6. Apply and maintain professional ethics and the law following the American Psychological Association (APA) standards.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

57 UNITS

PREREQUISITE COURSES — 12 UNITS

(Only for students without adequate background in the field of Psychology)

PSY 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3 units
PSY 1105	Developmental Psychology	3 units
PSY 3110	Psychology of Personality	3 units
PSY 3115	Abnormal Psychology	3 units

CORE COURSES — 42 UNITS

PSY 6002	Methods of Research	3 units
PSY 6110	Personality and Affect	3 units
PSY 6114	Life Cycle Developmental Psychology	3 units
PSY 6220	Professional Ethics and the Law	3 units
PSY 6003	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3 units
PSY 6707	History and Systems of Psychology	3 units
PSY 6703	Neuropsychology and Biological Basis of Behavior	3 units
PSY 6216	Research Practicum & Course Project	3 units
PSY 6704	Clinical Psychopathology: Assessment and Diagnosis	3 units
PSY 6713	Process of Group Therapy	3 units
PSY 6722	Clinical Assesment	3 units
PSY 6116	Issues of Chemical Dependency	3 units
PSY 6718	Clinical Psychotherapy Skills Lab	3 units
PSY 6717	Psychological Trauma, Risk Assessment, Crisis Intervention, Partner & Family Violence	3 units

CLINICAL PRACTICUM COURSES — 9 UNITS

PSY 6771	Clinical Practicum I 200 hours	3 units
PSY 6772	Clinical Practicum II 200 hours	3 units
PSY 6773	Clinical Practicum III 200 hours	3 units

Before beginning Clinical Practicum I, completion of 25 hours of personal therapy is required.

THESIS — 6 UNITS

PSY 6991	Thesis 1	3 units
PSY 6992	Thesis 2	3 units

Students are required to be continuously enrolled in PSY 6992 every semester while their thesis remains incomplete.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Master of Arts in Crinical Psychology program opens up a wide range of career opportunities, examples include:

1. Clinical Psychologist
2. Psychotherapist
3. Mental Health Counselor
4. Neuropsychologist
5. Substance Abuse Counselor
6. Child and Adolescent Therapist
7. Crisis Intervention Specialist
8. Forensic Psychologist
9. Health Psychologist
10. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Specialist

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