DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Clinical Psychology (PhD)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Drexel University PhD in Clinical Psychology program prepares advanced students in the scientist-practitioner model, emphasizing clinical research and the application of scientific principles while placing equal significance on the integration of psychological science and practice. Our rigorous program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) and expertly qualifies and equips graduates for entry-level practice as clinical psychologists. Doctoral students receive clinical training in cognitive-behavioral approaches to assessment and intervention, as well as a solid foundation in the science and practice of clinical psychology.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BRAIN SCIENCES

Drexel University's Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences is a tightknit, active community of internationally renowned faculty and impressive student scholars. Graduate and undergraduate students work alongside faculty on cutting-edge research and clinical projects in a range of areas.

AREAS OF FOCUS

Students in the Clinical Psychology PhD program will enjoy an emphasis on cognitive-behavioral approaches to assessment and intervention and can further customize their studies through one of the three major areas of study available:

- **CLINICAL-CHILD PSYCHOLOGY**
- **FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**
- **HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY**

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

This program admits full-time students and is designed to be completed in five years. (Students entering with a relevant master's degree may be able to complete all requirements within four years.) Students are required to work in 12-month practicum placements in years two through three; optional in year four. A pre-doctoral internship is typically conducted in year five. Students earn a Master of Science (MS) degree upon completion of two years of coursework and their master's thesis.

UNIQUE MENTORSHIP MODEL

Graduate research is integral to building the intellectual life, growth and reach of the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. An important feature of our PhD program is that students are not assigned faculty mentors. Rather, prospective students select mentors best suited to their unique program of study and interview with them as part of the application process. Once admitted, they work with the faculty mentor of their choice.

Students receive dedicated mentorship and critical hands-on training as active, contributing members of faculty research labs. These students often present their research at national and international scientific meetings and serve as co-authors on publications with their faculty mentors in distinguished, peer-reviewed journals.

THESIS AND DISSERTATION

The Clinical Psychology PhD program first requires independent scholarly work in the form of a master's thesis where students prepare and present a proposal and final defense of their thesis to a committee. Students then progress to independent doctoral dissertation work, culminating in a proposal and final defense to a dissertation committee.

RESEARCH AREAS

Faculty members in the Clinical Psychology PhD program are engaged in a wide range of research areas, including:

- **SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH**
- **WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE STRESS AND MENTAL HEALTH**
- **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**
- **EATING DISORDERS**
- **OBESITY PREVENTION AND TREATMENT**
- **NEURODEVELOPMENT DISORDERS**

CAREERS

Our graduates enter the workforce prepared to pursue careers in academia, industry, and the public sector. Many of our students have gone on to fulfilling and rewarding careers at academic and research institutions, clinical practice in hospitals or private practice, forensic and legal consulting, health organizations and rehabilitation centers, and government agencies, just to name a few.

PROGRAM FUNDING

Information about scholarships and aid is available on our program website. PhD students are fully funded with teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and/or fellowships. These funding options also include tuition remission and stipends to support students throughout their studies.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

We accept new students each Fall. While we review applications beginning in January, students are required to submit completed applications by **DECEMBER 1.**

GRE REQUIREMENT

The General GRE Exam is required as part of the application. However, this requirement may be waived for select Drexel students and alumni. Please contact the College of Arts and Sciences for eligibility details.

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