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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 will be admitted in Summer (May) every year).

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| 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

(Students with a background in the field of Psychology will be admitted in Fall (September) every year).

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| PSY 6002 | Methods of Research | 3 units |
| PSY 6114 | Life Cycle Developmental Psychology | 3 units |
| PSY 6115 | Personality Theories | 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 Assessment | 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

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

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| 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 |

THESIS

6 UNITS

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| 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 Clinical 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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