

Doctor of Psychology in **Counseling Psychology**

Science. Informed. Practice.

Chatham's Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology (PsyD) is an integrative program that focuses on the professional and personal growth of students. A hallmark of the program is its recognition of the complex relationship between the wellbeing of individuals and the diverse environments touching their lives – families, schools, workplaces, communities, the natural world, and even national and global conditions.

As a graduate student of psychology at Chatham, you will enjoy learning in intimate, collaborative classes with an experienced, dedicated faculty who deliver cutting-edge training and knowledge. Our faculty members will take the time to understand and support your individual program goals.

We invite applications from students holding a bachelor's or master's degree in psychology, counseling, or a related field.

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The Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology is a program within Chatham University's **SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**. The School of Health Sciences has developed a strong reputation for its sought-after healthcare professionals. From high first-time licensure rates to advanced clinical aptitude, our graduates enter their careers ready to meet the needs of patients and contribute to improving the quality of care their organizations deliver.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

You may be aware that the PsyD program at Chatham is devoted to the practice of counseling grounded in the science of psychology, but here are some of its other highlights:

- The PsyD degree requires coursework, practicum experiences, and a one-year doctoral internship.
- Chatham's psychology department has strong relationships with many agencies, hospitals, schools, and organizations within the Pittsburgh region.
- The PsyD faculty is similarly diverse and represents a range of orientations and types of practice. Students in the program can expect to be challenged and supported by faculty members to grow intellectually, professionally, and personally.
- Current psychology research groups at Chatham include the Psychology of Gender Research Team, Women's Career Development, Dream Research Group, Intersectional Identities, Mood Disorders, International Communities Research Team, and the Intellectual Disability Quality of Life Team.

SAMPLE COURSES

PSY816 Health Psychology Practice

The course focuses on the interface between psychology and medicine, preparing students to use psychology interventions in the treatment and management of illness and to understand the role of the psychologist in the interdisciplinary healthcare team. Theory, research, and practice of health psychology will be presented.

PSY805 Group Processes and Interventions

In this class, research on group process and dynamics will be examined from diverse perspectives such as psychodynamic, systemic, social learning, and existential, as applied in group psychotherapy. The specific applications of different types of therapeutic groups will be emphasized. This class will include an experience of group supervision for participants.

PSY746 Practicum I

This course is a field placement in which students obtain training in psychological service provision. They work directly under the supervision of a qualified professional and obtain experience interviewing clients and conducting sessions in group and individual formats for 300 hours on site in addition to participating in the weekly group supervision class.

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PREREQUISITES

Students entering with a bachelor's degree will earn both their Master of Science in Counseling Psychology (MSCP) and their PsyD through a streamlined program of 106 credits, including coursework, practicum training, dissertation, and internship. Students entering with

a master's degree will work with their advisor to complete an individualized plan of study, taking into account graduate-level coursework already completed. They may petition to have up to 36 credits waived toward completion of their PsyD degree.



“Our PsyD program is focused on training students for careers in psychology practice that are firmly grounded in scientific knowledge, ethical principles, and multicultural awareness. Our faculty work to provide mentorship to guide students’ development as both practitioners and scholars.”

— MARY JO LOUGHRAN, PH.D., *program director, counseling psychology*

“Small classes give me an opportunity to provide individualized feedback and to do more hands-on activities rather than relying on didactic lectures.”

— JENNIFER MORSE, PH.D., *assistant professor*

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Master's degree in counseling, psychology, or related field (36 credit hours minimum) or an undergraduate degree with a minimum of 15 undergraduate psychology credit hours
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- 3.2 minimum graduate GPA from related masters program or 3.5 minimum undergraduate GPA
- Official GRE test scores
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation from previous faculty or employers
- Admissions essay
- Interview (by invitation only)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications and all supplemental documentation must be received by January 1

▶ **Apply online at chatham.edu/apply**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

A limited number of research, special project, and teaching assistantships are available to help defray the cost of the tuition while also earning valuable, hands-on experience in the field. This assistantship is in the form of tuition remission and will reduce a student's final tuition bill. Please contact your admission counselor to learn more.