

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### POST-MASTERS DEGREE

*(85 CREDITS: 3 YEARS COURSES/PRACTICUM AND 1 YEAR INTERNSHIP)*

- Master's degree in counseling, psychology, or related field (36 credit hours minimum)
- Official transcripts from each college/university you have attended
- 3.2 minimum GPA
- GRE test scores (general)
- Completed application form
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation from professor or supervisor from work experience
- Interview
- Graduate level course pre-requisites
  - Multicultural/Diversity Issues in Counseling
  - Human Development across the Lifespan
  - Counseling Theories and Techniques
  - Group Counseling
  - Abnormal Psychology/Psychopathology
  - Assessment/Appraisal
  - Psychobiology
  - Statistics and Research Design
  - Professional Ethics
- Payment of non-refundable \$45 application fee  
Online application without fee:  
<http://www.chatham.edu/admissions/apply.cfm>

### POST-BACHELOR'S DEGREE

*(36 MA + 85 PsyD CREDITS: 4 YEARS COURSES/PRACTICUM AND 1 YEAR INTERNSHIP)*

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from each college/university you have attended
- 3.0 minimum GPA
- Completion of introductory or above level course in psychology
- GRE test scores (general)
- Completed application form
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation from professor or supervisor from work experience
- Interview
- Successful completion of MA in Psychology degree at Chatham (36 credit hours with 3.2 minimum GPA) prior to beginning PsyD courses
- Payment of non-refundable \$45 application fee  
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## DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY(PsyD)

- Practitioner-scholar model prepares candidates for a science-informed practice of counseling psychology
- Experience a unique focus on psychology for sustainable health and well-being at Chatham's historic Shadyside Campus and its new 388-acre Eden Hall Campus
- Designed to help graduates assume leadership positions in professional settings
- Access to supervised practicum experiences within a wide array of community-, University-, and hospital-based behavioral health care facilities
- [www.chatham.edu/psyd](http://www.chatham.edu/psyd)

### PROGRAM OF STUDY (85 CREDITS)

Chatham University's Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Counseling Psychology is an integrative program which focuses on the professional and personal growth of students. The Chatham PsyD is distinctive for its focus on promoting sustainable health and well-being, in individuals, families, and communities, informed by the science of psychology. A hallmark of the Chatham PsyD program is its recognition of the complex relationship between the well-being of individuals and the diverse environments touching their lives – families, schools, workplaces, communities, the natural world, and even national and global conditions.

- Core courses in basic areas of scientific psychology, including biological aspects of behavior, social aspects of behavior, history and systems of psychology, psychological measurement, research methodology, and techniques of data analysis.
- Scientific, methodological, and theoretical foundations of practice, including individual differences in behavior, human development, dysfunctional behavior or psychopathology, and professional standards and ethics.
- Practice-related courses, including diagnostics, assessment, and intervention.
- Courses focusing on the theme of sustainable health and well-being (SHW) of individuals, families, and communities.
- Practicum experiences.
- Attention to issues of cultural and individual diversity in all of the above courses.



## Graduate Programs in Psychology

### MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY (MAP)

Enrich your understanding of human behavior to enhance your work or to prepare for doctoral study

- Full- and part-time options
- Fall and spring entry
- 36 credit hours
- Graduate assistantships available

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (MSCP)

Develop the skills and knowledge that you need to become a licensed professional counselor (LPC)

- Full- and part-time options
- Fall and spring entry
- 48 credit hour degree/60 credit hours for licensure eligibility
- Graduate assistantships available

### DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (PsyD)

Become a counseling psychologist in a dynamic program focusing on sustainable health and well-being

- Full-time cohort
- Fall entry
- Graduate assistantships available

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*"By far, the best part of my experience at Chatham was the personal connection I developed with the faculty. They were available for consultation, their courses were taught from a thoughtful and well-informed perspective, and above all else, I felt that the faculty's main goal was my success."*

— Leah G., MSCP Graduate

*"Throughout my internship experiences I have discovered, time and time again, that graduates of Chatham's MSCP program are well respected and in demand in the mental health community. This program has provided me all the skills necessary for a smooth transition into the field of professional counseling."*

— Jeff S., MSCP Graduate

*"The faculty are extremely approachable and friendly. Students are treated and respected as burgeoning professionals."*

— Geoff H., PsyD student

*"I knew Chatham's PsyD program would help me reach my clinical goals – what I didn't know was how well it would also prepare me as a researcher in training. If you have a particular dream or focus, the faculty will help you get where you need to be."*

— Kelly R., PsyD student

## Big thinking for a big world

Chatham University offers three unique graduate degrees in psychology – a **MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY (MAP)** for students who are seeking education about human behavior either to enrich their work lives or to apply for doctoral study in psychology; a **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (MSCP)** for students who would like to practice as licensed professional counselors; and a **DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (PSYD)** for students interested in becoming licensed psychologists.

Chatham's graduate programs in psychology are built upon the university's rich history of commitment to diversity and global awareness, sustainability and the environment, and women's health. These themes are woven into coursework and practical experiences.

**The MSCP program** began in 1998. Its graduates have become an integral part of health care communities, practicing in a wide variety of settings both locally and across the country. MSCP graduates also serve as resources for current students and new graduates. In addition to the core required courses, MSCP students may choose to pursue study of Sport and Exercise Psychology or Infant Mental Health, or to deepen knowledge about how to help individuals seeking recovery from specific life stressors or traumas, to work with diverse socio-cultural groups, or to facilitate and promote health from a holistic perspective.

**The PsyD in Counseling Psychology** program grew from the success of Chatham's MSCP program. The new program, with its unique focus on sustainable health and well-being, enrolled its first cohort in 2009, providing students with the education and training needed to become competent and ethical psychologists. Students learn to attend to and support the strengths of clients, and to facilitate their long-term positive healthy functioning. Discovering how engagement with community and the larger natural world can foster health and well-being of individuals and families is also an important part of the program. The PsyD program has been developed to meet or exceed APA guidelines in anticipation of accreditation, and will apply for APA accreditation at the earliest possible date (during the 2012-2013 year).

**The MAP program**, also a new program, offers a third degree with flexibility and many options. Unlike the MSCP and PsyD programs, the MAP does not prepare students for licensure as professional counselors or psychologists. It does provide core courses in psychology and the study of human behavior, as well as the opportunity to pursue tracks in Sport and Exercise Psychology, Health Psychology, or an individualized area of study. Finally, MAP students may also focus on the Science and Theories of Psychology in preparation for application for doctoral study – often these MAP graduates are accepted into Chatham's PsyD program, if they choose to apply.

Individuals applying for graduate study in psychology at Chatham have many choices. The Office of Graduate Admission, program directors, and faculty are devoted to working with individual applicants to help them discover which of the graduate psychology programs might best move them toward their chosen career.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO MASTER'S PROGRAMS

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Completion of introductory level course in psychology
- Completed application form
- Personal statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation from previous faculty or employers
- Payment of non-refundable \$45 application fee  
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## MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Faculty experienced in teaching, clinical work, and research
- Opportunities for involvement in research and activities that foster leadership skills
- Small interactive classes encouraging critical thinking and collaborative work
- Many evening classes with convenient parking

### MA IN PSYCHOLOGY (MAP)

- Provides solid foundation in the study of human behavior and understanding of psychological science and theories
- Emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving skills, self-awareness, attention to sociocultural diversity, application of knowledge and both collaborative and independent work
- Prepares students for work in research settings, human service, health, educational organizations, or for doctoral study
- The MAP degree alone does not prepare a student for licensure as a professional counselor or psychologist.

#### PROGRAM OF STUDY (36 CREDITS)

The MAP curriculum integrates theoretical foundations, experiential perspectives, and research methodologies. The MAP degree requires completion of 36 credit hours which includes a focus area of the student's choice. Concentrations include the following:

- Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Science and Theories of Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Self-Designed Area of Study

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (MSCP)

- Program focuses on both the personal and professional growth of students, emphasizing human-centered values and approaches reflected in the development of empathic, compassionate, and thoughtful counselors
- Students complete practicum and internships in a variety of different settings that serve individuals and families affected by emotional, behavioral, or other psychological difficulties
- Degree fulfills education requirement for professional counselor license in PA (LPC)
- Community-based practitioners supplement full-time faculty

#### PROGRAM OF STUDY (39 CREDITS + 9 CREDITS FIELD PLACEMENT)

##### Prerequisites for Practicum

- Foundations of Counseling Psychology
- Concepts of Mental Health and Illness
- Assessment
- Group Counseling
- Psychology of Culture and Identity
- Human Development across the Lifespan
- Theories and Techniques of Counseling

##### Other Required Courses

- Applied Biological Psychology
- Foundations of Family Therapy
- Statistics and Research Design
- Vocational and Career Counseling
- Learning and Behavior
- Professional Integration Seminar

##### Field placements

- Practicum
- Internship I
- Internship II

##### Additional Electives Available for eligibility for LPC

A total of 60 credit hours is needed to become a licensed professional counselor in Pennsylvania. Students may take 12 or more credit hours of electives in order to become eligible for the LPC in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The electives may be taken as a specific concentration (Infant Mental Health or Sport and Exercise Psychology) or as a Self-Designed concentration.

[chatham.edu/map](http://chatham.edu/map)

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