

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

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### OBJECTIVES

The Master of Science in Clinical Psychology is based on the scientist-practitioner model and is designed to provide students with comprehensive knowledge and skills to practice clinical psychology and conduct mental health research in Guam and the Micronesian region. The program will emphasize the social, cultural and political contexts of research, theory, and practice in clinical psychology and encourage students to develop professional skills that are responsive to the unique multicultural communities in this region. Specific objectives of the program are as follows:

- To prepare master's level clinical psychologists to provide professional services, including clinical assessment and therapeutic interventions in the multicultural communities of Guam and the Micronesian region.
- To prepare master's level clinical psychologists to conduct research examining mental health issues relevant to Guam and the Micronesian region.
- To prepare master's level clinical psychologists for licensure as mental health professionals in Guam and the Micronesian region.
- To provide master's level training that establishes the foundation for advanced study in clinical psychology at the doctoral level.

### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the MSCP Program, students will demonstrate the following:

1. Competence in the application of a variety of clinical theories in the conceptualization of a wide range of mental health problems in adults, children, and families in the multicultural communities of Guam, Micronesia, and the Asia Pacific region.
2. Competence in conducting a variety of therapeutic interventions in the treatment of a wide range of

mental health problems in adults, children, and families in the multicultural communities of Guam, Micronesia, and the Asia Pacific region.

3. Competence in conducting psychological assessments and diagnostic interviews with a wide range of mental health problems in adults, children, and families in the multicultural communities of Guam, Micronesia, and the Asia Pacific region.
4. Competence in conducting clinical research examining mental health issues in the multicultural communities of Guam, Micronesia, and the Asia Pacific region.

### ADMISSION

Degree students must meet the minimum admission requirements expected of all students, as outlined in the Academic Requirements section of this Bulletin. In addition, students must meet the following admission requirements of the Program:

1. A completed bachelor's degree in psychology (or its equivalent) from an accredited institution of higher education with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students with a GPA of less than 3.0 may petition to have the minimum GPA requirement waived if they demonstrate exemplary post-degree professional or research experience in the psychology field and meet one of the following criteria:

- GPA of 3.0 or higher in their major coursework.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher in their last two years of coursework.
- Completion of one year (two semesters) of post-degree full-time undergraduate or graduate coursework with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

2. The following undergraduate courses (or their equivalent):

- MA-385 Applied Statistics
- PY-370 Introduction to Clinical Psychology
- PY-420 Abnormal Psychology
- PY-413 Research Methodology in the Behavioral Sciences
- PY-492a Psychology Practicum: Individual Counseling Skills
- PY-492b Psychology Practicum: Child, Family, and Group Counseling Skills

3. A personal statement of no more than 1000 words addressing the following: a. An autobiographical sketch outlining the applicant's personal, professional, and academic experiences that have prepared him/her to pursue graduate training in clinical psychology. b. A discussion of why the applicant is applying specifically to UOG's Master of Science in Clinical Psychology, highlighting aspects of the program that most attracts him/her. c. A description of the research topic the applicant would like to explore in his/her master's thesis and the academic and/or professional experiences that have prepared him/her to study that topic.

4. Special consideration will be given to applicants with experience in psychological research (e.g., senior honors thesis, research assistantships, research publications, and/or conference presentations) and clinical psychology practice (e.g., undergraduate psychology practica, professional employment, volunteer work).

5. Because the program focuses on training individuals to provide psychological services in Guam and the Micronesian region, special consideration will be given to applicants with a basic knowledge of Guam and/or Micronesia gained through undergraduate or graduate coursework, research, or professional work experience. Special consideration will also be given to applicants who demonstrate interest in conducting research and clinical service in the region.

6. Top candidates will be invited for an interview with at least two of the program faculty.

7. Non-degree students will be admitted into program courses only by permission of the course instructor and the Clinical Psychology Master's Program Chair.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must complete a total of 52 credit hours, including 46 credits of required courses and 6 credits of thesis.
2. Students must complete each required course with a grade of B or higher. Students who receive a grade of C or lower in a required course must petition to be permitted to repeat the course. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all graduate coursework.
3. Students must pass comprehensive written and oral examinations after completion of all required coursework (with the exception of thesis and internship).
4. Students must maintain the ethical principles of psychologists as outlined by the American Psychological Association in the most recent version of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS (52 CREDIT HOURS MINIMUM)

### Core Courses (12 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY501	ETHICAL, LEGAL, AND PROFESSIONAL ISSUES IN THE PRACTICE OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PY502	MICRONESIA AND MENTAL HEALTH	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PY503	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY <sup>3</sup> AND PSYCHODIAGNOSIS		FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PY504	TOPICS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

### Research Methods Courses (6 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY511	RESEARCH METHODS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY I: RESEARCH DESIGN	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PY512	RESEARCH METHODS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY II: STATISTICS	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS

### Clinical Assessment Courses (6 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY521	CLINICAL ASSESSMENT I: ADULT	3	FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PY522	CLINICAL ASSESSMENT II: CHILD AND ADOLESCENT	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

### Clinical Interventions Courses (12 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY641	CLINICAL INTERVENTION I: COGNITIVE-BEHAVIORAL THERAPY	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PY642	CLINICAL INTERVENTION II: CHILD AND ADOLESCENT THERAPY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PY643	CLINICAL INTERVENTION III: FAMILY SYSTEMS THERAPY	3	FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PY644	CLINICAL INTERVENTION IV: EXISTENTIAL-HUMANISTIC THERAPY	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

## Graduate Practicum Courses (4 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY692A	GRADUATE PRACTICUM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY I	1	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PY692B	GRADUATE PRACTICUM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY II	1	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PY692C	GRADUATE PRACTICUM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY III	1	FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PY692D	GRADUATE PRACTICUM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY IV	1	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

## Internship Courses (6 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY698A	INTERNSHIP IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY I	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PY698B	INTERNSHIP IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY II	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

## Thesis Courses (6 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY695A	THESIS I	1 - 3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PY695B	THESIS II	1 - 3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

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