

Ph.D. program in School Psychology with an emphasis in:

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Doctoral Program

University of Central Arkansas

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The 5-year Ph.D. program leads to a degree in psychology. The goal of the 120-hour program is to train students to become qualified scientist-practitioners, working in settings such as community mental health centers, behavioral health hospitals, university counseling centers, universities, and private practice. The program guides students through a strong foundation in fundamental counseling skills and the appreciation of the scientific basis of psychology, especially empirically-based practice. Students are awarded both a master's degree (after two years) and a doctoral degree (after an additional three years). The fifth year is spent at an internship site in the community. A dissertation is required in the form of an independent research project. Students graduating from this program become skilled in a variety of empirically-based methods and practice, including counseling and therapy skills and assessment.

**Department of Psychology and
Counseling (in the College of Health and
Behavioral Sciences)**

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply?

First, applicants must apply to the Graduate School. The online application can be found at <http://uca.edu/graduateschool/admission-process/>. Second, applicants should fill out the application for the Counseling Psychology program that can be found at <http://uca.edu/psychology/doc-school-psyc-counseling/>

Can I become a Licensed Psychologist?

All students will be eligible to be licensed as a psychologist through the Arkansas Psychology Board upon successful completion of the program and completion of all board requirements.

Is the program APA accredited?

The Counseling Psychology program is not accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) at this time; accreditation will be sought in the near future.

How many hours may I transfer from another master's program?

UCA does accept transfer credits. However, the amount of credits to be transferred will be determined on an individual basis.

Does the program have one theoretical orientation?

The program gives each student exposure to all the major theoretical orientations and trains its graduates to function as generalists in a variety of community applied-health settings.

ESSENTIAL FACULTY

Darshon Anderson (Ph. D. in Social Psychology, Oklahoma State University). Goal Setting.

Elson M. Bihm (Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, Texas Tech University). Philosophical psychology. Director of Training.

J. Arthur Gillasp, Jr. (Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, Texas A & M University). Addiction.

Lisa McNeir. (Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, University of Arkansas). Integrated Health Care.

R. Kevin Rowell (Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, Texas A & M University). Mental health of elderly.

Femina Varghese (Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, Texas Tech University). Offender employment and ethnicity.

Dong Xie (Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, Ohio State University). Culture and Personality.

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| <p align="center">Admission Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Completed, typed application form. ■ 12 successfully completed undergraduate semester hours in Psychology, including: Psychological Statistics, Abnormal Psychology, Theories of Personality, and Research Design. ■ Current resume or vita. ■ Statement of Research and Clinical Goals. ■ Three letters of recommendation – Letters should be from individuals familiar with your academic performance and potential for doctoral study. ■ Official copy of scores from Graduate Record Examination - must include Verbal and Quantitative ■ scores of exam. Official transcripts of all completed college coursework - Minimum undergraduate GPA of | <p align="center">You Should Apply If –</p> <p><i>You have: career goals that are compatible with those of the program; a clear understanding of the program goals and requirements; potential for successful completion; strong interpersonal skills; good oral and written communication skills; a commitment to social justice and contributing to the well-being of others; a willingness to work with persons from diverse backgrounds and not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identification, nationality, religion, age, disability and medical status; have clear-cut research interests and ability; strong interests in counseling and relationship issues, health and wellness, vocational psychology, social justice, and prevention.</i></p> |
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| <p align="center">How is Counseling Psychology Defined by the American Psychological Association?</p> <p>“Counseling psychologists help people recognize their strengths and resources to cope with their problems. Counseling psychologists do counseling/psychotherapy, teaching, and scientific research with individuals of all ages, families, and organizations (e.g., schools, hospitals, businesses). Counseling psychologists help people understand and take action on career and work problems. They pay attention to how problems and people differ across life stages. Counseling psychologists have great respect for the influence of differences among people (such as race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability status) on psychological well-being. They believe that behavior is affected by many things, including qualities of the individual (e.g., psychological, physical, and spiritual factors) and factors in the person's environment (e.g., family, society, and cultural groups).”</p> <p align="right">American Psychological Association (2006)</p> | <p>Partial Curriculum (120 hours required to graduate)</p> | |
| | <p>P7360 Found of Co. Psych P6330 Advanced Statistics P6354 Theories of Counseling P6398 Legal and Ethical Issues P6314 Psychopathology P6331 Research Design C6350 Process and Skills P6356 Group Therapy P6370 Adv. Developmental P7312 Learning and Cognition P6355 Multicultural Issues P7141 Doc. Res. Seminar (X 3) C6381 Counseling Practicum I P6313 Psycho-Ed Assessment I P7361 Psychology Treatments C6342 Career Education P6393 Marriage & Family C6382 Counseling Practicum II P6379 Personality Assessment P6316 Child Psychopathology</p> | <p>P7365 Doctoral Practicum (X 4) P7320 Multivariate Stats ELECTIVE (X 2) P7315 General Linear Models P6361 Prob. (Integrated Health Care) P6315 Applied Behavior Anal. P6363 Advanced Social P7325 Physiological Psychology P9310 Dissertation (9 hrs. total) P6373 Consultation/Supervision P9605 Internship (12 semester-hours total)</p> |

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