

GRADUATE STUDIES

WILLIAM PATERSON
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MA in Clinical and Counseling Psychology



Prepare for the professional practice of counseling, assessment, and/or mental health research.

Prepare for Professional Success

The master's program in clinical and counseling psychology provides a solid grounding in both theories and interventions that can be applied to a wide variety of mental health, academic and research settings. We emphasize professional competency, ethical responsibility, cultural competency, self-awareness, and current knowledge in the scientific, methodological, and theoretical foundations of practice. Our program expects students to become compassionate and caring scientist-practitioners with motivation to continue learning and furthering their development throughout their professional careers. We are committed to social justice work and multiculturalism to better serve disadvantaged or marginalized groups in our society.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Online application/application fee
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- Official academic transcript with a GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0 for all degree work
- Prerequisite courses: General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Research Methods/Experimental Design or Statistics, and Abnormal Psychology
- A current resume or CV
- Three letters of recommendation (academic or clinical/human service areas)
- Personal statement that addresses:
 - What has led you to pursue a career in clinical and counseling psychology?
 - What do you see as your strengths and weaknesses and how will they impact your ability to attain your academic and professional goals?
 - Why is this program a good fit for you?
 - Any additional information or relevant experience that can help us evaluate you.

For More Information

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Course of Study

The master's in clinical and counseling psychology can be completed on a full-time basis within two years, or on a part-time basis in three to five years. The classes are held in person during the day, with some online synchronous courses offered in the evening for working professionals. Students can pursue licensure through our 60-credit track, or complete the non-licensure track in 48 credits. A 600-hour clinical practicum experience is required.

Internships/Clinical Experiences

Internships and clinical experiences are available at locations including:

| West Bergen Mental Healthcare | Jersey City Medical Center | Integrative Therapy Institute of New Jersey | Mental Health Association of Passaic County | Mental Health Clinic of Passaic County | WISE Family Program (Children's Aid and Family Services) | Youth Consultation Service (YCS) | Care Plus NJ

Accomplished Faculty

Program faculty are licensed as psychologists in New Jersey and New York. Some are also licensed as professional counselors in New Jersey, bringing decades of experience in clinical practice and research to their students.

Professor Jane Austin is a licensed psychologist who has worked in a variety of clinical, hospital, research, and academic settings. Her research focuses on treating cancer patients and their caregivers during and after treatment to improve quality of life, reduce distress, and increase productive coping. Her research team, from across the U.S. and the Netherlands, has received grants from the National Institutes of Health and The National Cancer Institute.

Professor Gihane Jérémie-Brink is co-principal investigator and director of the WELL Program, a five-year, nearly one-million-dollar grant program funded by the Lilly Endowment, which promotes long-lasting shifts in practices of faith leaders' mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. She also serves in national leadership roles with the American Psychological Association.

Professor Pei-Wen Winnie Ma is a licensed psychologist in New York with over a decade of clinical experience working with immigrant and ethnic minority clients in community mental health and hospital settings in New York City. She currently co-directs the Culture and Resilience research team with Professor Aileen Torres to implement a school-based intervention for new immigrant students in Paterson.

Professor Kathy Torsney is a licensed psychologist in New Jersey and New York, a licensed professional counselor in New Jersey, and a practicing clinical neuropsychologist with decades of clinical experience with a wide variety of populations. She is currently president of the New Jersey Neuropsychological Society and she serves on the APA Division 38 Health Research Council.

What You'll Learn

Graduates of our program gain a solid knowledge base and strong clinical skills for a career in mental health counseling at a variety of inpatient and outpatient settings. Our students are well-prepared to engage in diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of mental disorders and a wide range of psychological issues. Through our program's commitment to social justice and multiculturalism, students also obtain awareness, knowledge, and skills in working with culturally diverse populations.

Career Possibilities

Our program provides the necessary training to become a licensed professional counselor (LPC) or to pursue doctoral-level studies in clinical, counseling, and school psychology. Some of our graduates pursue careers in research, higher education, and non-profit settings.

