

Ph.D. Program Counseling Psychology

APA Accredited



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Counseling Psychology

Counseling psychology is a general practice and health service provider specialty in professional psychology that focuses on. . .

- Personal and interpersonal functioning of individuals across the life span.
- Emotional, social, vocational, educational, health-related, developmental, and organizational concerns.
- Typical or normal personality and the experiences that contribute to and limit its development.
- Amelioration of situations and conditions that lead to atypical or disordered development.

Counseling Psychology at UF

The Counseling Psychology Graduate Training Program at the University of Florida is one of five training programs offered in the Department of Psychology.

The Program is among the original group accredited by the American Psychological Association (accredited since 1954).

The program is consistently viewed in the top-tier across an array of indicators. (e.g., research productivity, internship match rates, job placement)

Training Model

The Counseling Psychology Program at the University of Florida adheres to a generalist, scientist-practitioner training model that emphasizes education and training in the **integration of theory, scientific thinking, assessment, research, and practice.**

This training model conceptualizes science and practice as inseparable. Furthermore, this training model promotes science and practice that consider individual, developmental, multicultural, and contextual perspectives and that emphasize human strengths with attention to aspects of psychopathology.

A dedication to psychological science is essential.

Assistantships

Students must be admitted formally to a graduate degree program to be eligible for a graduate assistantship. All first-year students are offered funding and funding is generally available through 5 years for all students making good progress in the program. Fellows and graduate teaching and research assistants typically have their in-state and out-of-state tuition costs waived, but still pay for fees. This funding also covers the cost of health insurance.

Admissions Information

Students are admitted to the Counseling Psychology Program through the Department of Psychology. Admitted students are expected to register for at least 9 credits each semester. Upon completion of the Counseling Psychology Program, students receive a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology.

Criteria for selection include:

- GRE scores
- undergraduate and (if applicable) graduate grade point average
- recommendation letters,
- research background
- work/volunteer experience

Recent entering graduate classes had an average Graduate Record Exam (GRE) Verbal and Quantitative Score above 315 and a grade point average (GPA) for the last two years of 3.8.

Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution is required for admission. Students who have completed a Master's degree may be admitted to the Program but should be aware that courses taken to complete their Master's degree are not automatically accepted as substitutes for doctoral curriculum requirements.

How to Apply

The Psychology Department uses the UF Graduate School's online application system. In order to apply, you will need to submit the following:

- The online Graduate Admissions application (indicate your prospective mentor in your statement of purpose)
- Transcripts from every college/university you have attended (sent directly to UF Graduate Admissions)
- GRE scores (sent directly from ETS to UF Graduate Admissions)
- Resume/CV (attached to the online application)
- 3 letters of recommendation (submitted through the online application)
- TOEFL or other language test scores (international students only, sent directly from ETS to UF Graduate Admissions)

City of Gainesville

Gainesville is located in north central Florida and boasts a wonderful blend of urban and country atmospheres. You will have access to the world famous beaches of Jacksonville, Daytona, St. Augustine, Tampa, and many others are within a short drive of Gainesville. Numerous tourist attractions such as Silver Springs, Sea World, and Disney World.

Core Faculty

Ryan Duffy, Ph.D.

Director and Associate Professor

Interests include: Vocational psychology, calling and its impact on academic/work/well-being outcomes, work volition and constraints.

Bonnie Moradi, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology

Interests include: Minority stressors, collective identity, and their associations with health and well-being, with attention to intersectionality of minority statuses (e.g., gender, ethnicity/race, sexual orientation)

Martin Heesacker, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology

Interests include: Under-studied group biases, gender and emotion, attitude change in counseling, interface of social and counseling psychology

Laurie Mintz, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology

Interests include: The efficacy of bibliotherapy, with a special focus on the efficacy of bibliotherapy for sexual disorders and concerns.

Greg J. Neimeyer, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology

Interests include: Personal construct, constructivism, vocational differentiation, friendship formation and personality.

Carolyn M. Tucker, Ph.D.

Distinguished Alumni Professor of Psychology

Interests include: Health psychology, behavioral medicine, culturally sensitive mental and physical health care, self-regulation and self-empowerment models of behavior change, and community-based interventions for culturally diverse children, adolescents, and families.