Psychological Clinical Science

Program and Application Information

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Application Deadline: Program not accepting applications for fall 2018; application deadline for fall 2019 is January 15, 2019.

Degrees Offered: Ph.D.
Test Requirement: GRE
English Proficiency Requirements: TOEFL iBT 100; IELTS 7

Program Description

The primary purpose of this program is to prepare students for careers in academic or research settings. Thus, a major emphasis is on research training. We hope to train researchers who will contribute to psychological knowledge through the investigation of clinically relevant issues, including basic research on the nature, etiology, and course of health related problems or psychological disorders, as well as applied research which investigates the prevention and treatment of health and mental health problems.

Admissions Criteria

When making admission decisions, grades, GRE scores, research experience, letters of recommendation (preferably from faculty who can comment on your research skills and academic potential), and the personal statement are considered. To the extent that an applicant has a strong background in psychology, including course work in statistics, research methods, abnormal psychology, and personality, and good research experience, this will be an advantage.

Applicants who already have a master’s degree will be judged by the same criteria. For applicants with a master’s degree, credit towards the doctorate will depend on how well previous course work matches with the program requirements.

Campus visits or interviews are not required, although the department may arrange for a visit via phone or internet video with top candidates.

Applications are due by January 15 in order to receive full consideration for admission in the upcoming academic year. Admission decisions will be made by mid-March. Applications are reviewed once a year and students are admitted for fall semester only.

Students are required to gain a breadth of knowledge in the foundations of psychology through courses in biological, cognitive, and social bases of behavior. Course work in research methods and statistics, assessment, psychopathology, health, and interventions comprise the clinical portion of the curriculum.

Practicums at local hospitals, clinics, and mental health agencies provide supervised experience in service delivery and applied research. This is a full-time program and will take five years, including internship, to complete.

Keith Donohue, Ph.D.
Florida State University, 2011
Field: Clinical; Substance Abuse, Research Methods, and Teaching

Robert Dvorak, Ph.D.
University of South Dakota, 2012
Field: Clinical; Self-Regulation, Health, and Addiction

Kathryn Gordon, Ph.D.
Florida State University, 2008
Field: Clinical; Disordered Eating, Suicidal Behavior

Clayton Hilmert, Ph.D.
University of California at San Diego, 2003
Field: Health/Social; Stress, Psychophysiology, and Health

Leah Irish, Ph.D.
Kent State University, 2011
Field: Health/Social; Health Behaviors, Sleep, Stress

Michael D. Robinson, Ph.D.
University of California Davis, 1996
Field: Social/Personality Affective Processes

Paul D. Rokke, Ph.D.
University of Houston, 1985
Field: Clinical; Psychopathology