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PhD Program in Clinical Psychology

Student Admissions, Outcomes, and Other Data

The PhD program in Clinical Psychology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). For further information about APA accreditation or specific information about the accreditation status of our doctoral program please contact:

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The Committee on Accreditation at APA requires that accredited programs provide the following data to the public:

- Time to completion, from admission to graduation
- Program costs
- Internship success rates
- Attrition rates
- Licensure rates

The Clinical Psychological Doctoral Program provides this minimal information necessary to fulfill this requirement.

We also provide additional information consistent with our membership in the Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology (http://cudcp.org/).

Please note that the information and data provided below are based on the past 10 years, unless otherwise noted.

Date Program Tables are updated: September 1, 2026

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Program Disclosures

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Does the program or institution require students, trainees, and/or staff (faculty) to comply with specific policies or practices related to the institution's affiliation or purpose? Such policies or practices may include, but are not limited to, admissions, hiring, retention policies, and/or requirements for completion that express mission	_____ **Yes** __X___ **No**
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Time to Completion for All Students Entering the Program

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Outcome	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2016-2017 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2016-2017 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2017-2018 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2017-2018 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2018-2019 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2018-2019 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2019-2020 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2019-2020 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2020-2021 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2020-2021 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2021-2022 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2021-2022 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2022-2023 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2022-2023 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2023-2024 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2023-2024 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2024-2025 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2024-2025 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2025-2026 _N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ 2025-2026 _%	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ Total_N	Year in which Degrees were Conferred_ Total_%
Total number of students with doctoral degree conferred on transcript	11		5		10		8		7		4		6		3		10		7		71	
Mean number of years to complete the program	5.82		5.20		5.50		6.00		6.00		6.50		5.83		6.33		6.20		6.29		5.93	
Median number of years to complete the program	6.00		5.00		5.00		6.00		6.00		6.00		6.00		6.00		6.00		6.00		6.00	
Time to Degree Ranges	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**	**N**	**%**
Students in less than 5 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students in 5 years	3	27	4	80	6	60	2	25	2	29	0	0	2	33	0	0	2	20	1	14	22	31
Students in 6 years	7	64	1	20	3	30	4	50	4	57	3	75	3	50	2	67	5	50	4	57	36	51
Students in 7 years	1	9	0	0	1	10	2	25	0	0	0	0	1	17	1	33	2	20	1	14	9	13
Students in more than 7 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	1	25	0	0	0	0	1	10	1	14	4	6

For students entering our program with a master's degree, although Northwestern University does not accept transfer credits from other universities at the graduate level, under certain circumstances, the PhD program will accept a previously completed graduate course from another institution as satisfying a curricular requirement of the PhD program. All PhD students, however, must complete at least nine (9) quality letter-graded graduate level courses within Northwestern as part of meeting the Program's requirements for the PhD.

Given the current educational and training requirements of the program, time to completion is expected to be a minimum of 5 years.

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Program Costs

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Description	2026-2027 1st-year Cohort Cost
Tuition for full-time students (in-state)	$0.00
Tuition for full-time students (out-of-state)	$0.00
Tuition per credit hour for part-time students (*if applicable enter amount; if not applicable enter "NA"*)	NA
University/institution fees or costs	$500
Additional estimated fees or costs to students (e.g. books, travel, etc.)	$500

All students in the Clinical Psychology PhD Program in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences receive a Research Assistant Scholarship or equivalent award that provides 100% tuition remission (or the equivalent) and a 12-month stipend (current stipend rates can be found here: https://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/funding/index.html). The tuition remission and monthly stipend are provided for 20 quarters, including four (4) academic years and four (4) summers, as well as a funding for a fifth (5th) academic year and summer as part of the fulltime clinical internship. Stipend funding for the internship year includes the stipend provided by the internship, as well as stipend support from the University that is necessary to bring the internship stipend up to the minimum stipend levels set by the graduate school, if necessary.

Students receive a full health insurance subsidy, if enrolled in the Northwestern Student Health Insurance Plan (NUSHIP), for the first four (4) academic years and four (4) summers. Please note that NUSHIP is active for 12 months, from the September 1 through the last day of August. Health insurance during the clinical internship year is provided by the internship site; the PhD program does not provide a health insurance subsidy during the internship year because most internship sites provide health insurance; however, interns are able to purchase the NUSHIP plan out-of-pocket.

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Internship Placement – Table 1

Tables 1 and 2 below provide data on our internship placement for the past 10 years.

Internship Placement - Table 1

Outcome	Year Applied for Internship_ 2016-2017 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2016-2017 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2017-2018 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2017-2018 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2018-2019 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2018-2019 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2019-2020 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2019-2020 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2020-2021 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2020-2021 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2021-2022 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2021-2022 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2022-2023 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2022-2023 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2023-2024 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2023-2024 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2024-2025 _N2	Year Applied for Internship_ 2024-2025 _%2	Year Applied for Internship_ 2025-2026 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2025-2026 _%
Students who obtained APA/CPA-accredited internships	7	100	8	89	9	100	8	100	3	100	6	100	5	100	11	100	7	100	10	100
Students who obtained APPIC member internships that were not APA/CPA-accredited *(if applicable)*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students who obtained other membership organization internships (e.g. CAPIC) that were not APA/CPA-accredited (*if applicable)*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students who obtained internships conforming to CDSPP guidelines that were not APA/CPA-accredited (*if applicable)*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students who obtained other internships that were not APA/CPA-accredited (*if applicable)*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students who obtained any internship	7	100	8	89	9	100	8	100	3	100	6	100	5	100	11	100	7	100	10	100
Students who sought or applied for internships including those who withdrew from the application process	7	-	9	-	9	-	8	-	3	-	6	-	5	-	11	-	7	-	10	-

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Internship Placement – Table 2

Internship Placement - Table 2

Outcome	Year Applied for Internship_ 2016-2017 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2016-2017 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2017-2018 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2017-2018 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2018-2019 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2018-2019 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2019-2020 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2019-2020 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2020-2021 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2020-2021 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2021-2022 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2021-2022 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2022-2023 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2022-2023 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2023-2024 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2023-2024 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2024-2025 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2024-2025 _%	Year Applied for Internship_ 2025-2026 _N	Year Applied for Internship_ 2025-2026 _%
Students who sought or applied for internships including those who withdrew from the application process	7	-	9	-	9	-	8	-	3	-	6	-	5	-	11	-	7	-	10	-
Students who obtained paid internships	7	100	9	100	9	100	8	100	3	100	6	100	5	100	11	100	7	100	10	100
Students who obtained half-time internships* (*if applicable)*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Consistent with the requirements of our program, all (100%) students obtained one-year, full-time internships that are accredited by APA. None (0%) of our students applied for or obtained a non-accredited, APPIC non-accredited member, or other member organization (e.g., CAPIC) internships. Further, none (0%) of our students obtained two-year, half-time internships.

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Attrition

The Table below shows our attrition rate.

Attrition

Variable	Year of First Enrollment_ 2016-2017_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2016-2017_ %	Year of First Enrollment_ 2017-2018_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2017-2018_ %	Year of First Enrollment_ 2018-2019_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2018-2019_ %	Year of First Enrollment_ 2019-2020_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2019-2020_ %	Year of First Enrollment_ 2020-2021_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2020-2021_ %	Year of First Enrollment_ 2021-2022_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2021-2022_ %	Year of First Enrollment_ 2022-2023_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2022-2023_ %	Year of First Enrollment_ 2023-2024_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2023-2024_ %	Year of First Enrollment_ 2024-2025_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2024-2025_ %	Year of First Enrollment_ 2025-2026_ N	Year of First Enrollment_ 2025-2026_ %
Students for whom this is the year of first enrollment (i.e. new students)	7	-	5	-	8	-	9	-	9	-	6	-	12	-	6	-	7	-	3	-
Students whose doctoral degrees were conferred on their transcripts	7	100	4	80	4	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students still enrolled in program	0	0	1	20	3	37.5	9	100	9	100	6	100	11	91.7	6	100	7	100	3	100
Students no longer enrolled for any reason other than conferral of doctoral degree	0	0	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8.3	0	0	0	0	0	0

In the last 10 years, two (n=2) students left the program before graduation.

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Licensure

The table below presents our licensure rates.

Licensure

Outcome	2015-2025
The total number of program graduates (doctoral degrees conferred on transcript) between 2 and 10 years ago	66
The number of these graduates (between 2 and 10 years ago) who became licensed psychologists in the past 10 years	62
Licensure percentage	94%

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CUDCP Admissions Data

The following table provides important information on our admissions, as recommended by our membership in the Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology (http://cudcp.org/).

Admissions Data

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Total (mean)
Number of applicants	308	323	325	481	560	886	691	520	891	810	553.9
Number offered admission	12	5	8	10	12	8	17	9	9	4	10.0
Number matriculated	7	4	8	9	9	6	12	6	7	3	7.6
Number with funding	3	4	8	9	9	6	12	6	7	3	7.1

*Full funding started for all PhD students in 2017-2018

Additional Information on Admissions and Outcomes

Additional data on our program's admissions and outcomes is available under "Clinical Psychology" on The Graduate School's website: https://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/about/program-statistics/index.html.

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