DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

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APPLY NOW
The primary mission of this program is to prepare students to become competent, self-aware and compassionate clinical psychologists who are able to function effectively in multiple roles. A commitment to diversity in both the faculty and student body, as well as strong student involvement in program management and curriculum feedback, are key to the growth and development of our program. The program also offers a Child/Adolescent Proficiency Track. The Psy.D. program consists of three years of full-time study, plus an internship and a dissertation. Full-time study includes fall, spring and six-week summer terms.

The Psy.D. program may only be completed on a full-time basis.

GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must hold a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) from an accredited collegiate institution; the degree must include courses in statistics, research methods, developmental psychology, physiological psychology, cognitive psychology, abnormal psychology, and personality psychology. The applicant should have achieved at least a B average in undergraduate courses. In addition, the applicant must submit scores for the General GRE (Graduate Record Exam) and the Psychology Subject GRE exam taken within the past five years. An application will not be considered without GRE scores. Preference will be given to applicants whose grades and GRE scores exceed the following: (a) Overall grade point average 3.0, (b) Psychology grade point average of 3.25; (c) GRE Verbal of 156; (d) GRE Quantitative of 146; (e) GRE Psychology of 550. We also realize that for some applicants, GRE scores are not the best measure of their potential as doctoral-level psychologists. For this reason, all parts of the applicant’s record are reviewed by the Psy.D. Admissions Committee.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The admissions review committee will consider only complete applications. All application materials should be uploaded in pdf format. Official transcripts should be sent to the Graduate Admissions Office at the following address: Center for Adult and Graduate Academic Services, CC 231; University of Hartford; 200 Bloomfield Avenue; West Hartford, CT 06117.

The following items are required:

- Complete the on-line application, apply at: https://banweb10.hartford.edu:8910/pls/prod/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon
- $50 application fee
- Upload a letter of intent of one or two pages describing your professional and career goals and how you expect graduate study to help you accomplish them.
Upload a personal statement describing life experiences that helped shape your personality and your interest in professional psychology.

Submit official transcripts from all accredited colleges and universities. Our program requires applicants to have completed a bachelor’s degree. Please compute your grade point averages for overall undergraduate study, for psychology, and, if applicable, the same grade point averages for any completed graduate work. On the supplementary form, please list all undergraduate and graduate psychology courses you have taken.

Submit three recommendations from academic sources/supervisory personnel with whom you have worked, using the forms provided.

Upload a résumé or curriculum vitae.

All applicants must take the GRE General Test and the GRE Subject Exam in Psychology. Scores may not be older than five years. Information regarding Graduate Record Examination test dates may be obtained by contacting Educational Testing Service at www.ets.org. Send scores to the University of Hartford = Code 3436

Admission to the program also requires a personal interview. (usually the end of Jan - Feb)

Official TOEFL score forwarded to the University of Hartford using school code 3436 (International Students Only). The minimum score expected is at least a 70 -80 iBT or IELTS minimum score is 7.0

Guarantor’s Statement (International Students Only). A figure of $38,175 USD must be indicated through a bank statement to issue an I-20 form which is necessary to obtain a student visa. This figure includes tuition, cost of living expenses and medical insurance. Books, fees, internships etc. are not included. Please refer to http://www.hartford.edu/aboutuofh/finance_administration/financial_affairs/bursar/ tuition/default.aspx

Admission to the program also requires a personal interview. After a review of applicants’ completed application forms, roughly 90 candidates are invited to attend a four-hour process that involves both group and individual interviews. These interview sessions are held in late February and early March.

Admission into the Psy.D. Program occurs only for the fall semester. Completed applications must be received by December 1. The admissions committee will review applications in the order in which they are received. Applicants are notified of the Admissions Committee decision by April 1st.

Graduate students in the Psy.D. program are considered full time and are charged tuition per term. The 2015-2016 academic year rates are:

Fall Semester: $10,005 for 9-14 credits
Spring Semester: $10,005 for 9-14 credits
Summer Term: $5,005 for 6-8 credits
Financial Aid

Domestic Financial Aid:

Financial assistance for graduate and professional students through the Office of Admission and Student Financial Assistance at the University of Hartford is available through the Federal Family Education Loan and supplemental loan programs. Students must meet all eligibility requirements as established by the U.S. Department of Education. The academic year includes fall, spring and summer.

There are three items which students must satisfy in order to be eligible for financial aid:

» Be matriculated into a graduate degree-granting program
» Be registered for at least six credits a semester, including Summerterm.
» File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year and meet all eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education.

For more information regarding financial aid, call (800) 947-4303 or email finaid@hartford.edu

International Financial Aid:

Financial Aid for international graduate students in GIPP is currently available through Graduate and Teaching Assistantships and Diversity Fellowships. These assistantships are administered by the Department of Psychology and vary in size and availability.

Assistantships and Fellowships:

The Department of Psychology provides support to students through a variety of assistantships and fellowships. Applicants should contact the Admissions Director for the Psy.D. Program for more information about these sources of support for doctoral students. Please note that assistanships, fellowships, or other support a student receives as a result of their enrollment may affect Federal Stafford Loan eligibility.

The University of Hartford Psy.D. Program identifies itself as a “Practitioner /Scholar” program, and adheres to the model developed and articulated by the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP). The Psy.D. Program is accredited by the American Psychological Association. For further information on accreditation status, contact the APA office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, American Psychological Association, 750 First St., NE Washington, DC 20002-4242 202.336.5979
In support of the development of clinical skills, the program requires two years of halftime practica, beginning in the student’s second year. These practica are integrated with academic learning in Professional Practice Seminars (second year) and Case Conference Seminars (third year). Students receive excellent professional training, with an emphasis on diversity, through exposure to different clinical populations in a variety of clinical and community settings under the supervision of doctoral-level psychologists with a variety of theoretical orientations.

The clinical internship is the capstone experience of the program’s practitioner component. Students apply competitively with students from other programs for predoctoral internships. Students may either continue to pursue generalist training through the internships or focus on an area of specialization – such as neuropsychology or forensic psychology — or on a population — such as children and adolescents — under the supervision of licensed psychologists.

Our program of practicum training, combined with academic course work, has produced advanced graduate students who are well prepared for their clinical internships. The GIPP website (uhaweb.hartford.edu/gipppsyd) provides information on the internship placement rates for students in the Psy.D. Program. Students may pursue internships either on a one-year, full-time basis, or in some cases, on a two-year, half-time basis. Before beginning internships, students must obtain approval of their dissertation proposals.
The Center for Graduate and Adult Academic Services would be happy to provide more specific information about a degree program or answer any other questions you may have. Please contact the office at: GradStudy@hartford.edu or by phone at 860.768.4371 or 800.945.0712.

For more specific information, please contact Bettina Viereck, Program Specialist at 860.768.5223 or email at: viereck@hartford.edu.

Program website: uhaweb.hartford.edu/gipppsyd

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JANUARY 12, 2016
To make a reservation, click here.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PROFICIENCY TRACK
The Graduate Institute of Professional Psychology began offering a Child and Adolescent Proficiency track in the fall of 2003. In addition to a core curriculum — which includes courses in clinical child development, child psychotherapy, and clinical aspects of adolescence — the track also allows students to have specific practicum experience in child and adolescent work. The goal of the track is to ensure that students develop not only a broad theoretical foundation but also enhanced therapeutic, assessment, and program development skills in working with children, adolescents, and their families.

THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION
The doctoral dissertation is the capstone of the scholar component of the program. Students are prepared for the dissertation by the program’s research sequence in the first year and by the Dissertation Seminar in the fall of the second year.

The dissertation provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate doctoral-level scholarship in clinical psychology. It may take a variety of forms, including an empirical study (quantitative or qualitative), a theoretical contribution/critique, a program evaluation, an analysis of a public-policy issue as related to professional practice, a program development project, or a careful case analysis of a clinical problem. The major criteria are that the form, design, and methodology of the project be creative, germane to the question under consideration, and informed by the psychological literature; and that the final product yield conclusions that are logically consistent with this plan.

Students are encouraged to select topics that flow from their personal and professional interests and for which they can find appropriate dissertation advisement from among the faculty or psychologists within the region.

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