

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY, PH.D.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

Admission to the Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program is highly competitive. The Department of Counseling Psychology accepts applications for fall enrollment between early September and December 1 for the Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology. **There is no option for spring or summer initial enrollment in the department.** The applicant is responsible for collecting, assembling, and submitting all the pieces of the application by the December 1 deadline. Applicants should submit their materials in electronic form.

POST-BA AND POST-MA TRACKS

Most students who apply to and are enrolled in the Ph.D. program have earned a master's degree (post-M.A. in counseling or a related field).

However, in fall 2010, we began offering a "post-B.A." track within our Ph.D. program for highly qualified students who have not yet earned a master's degree in a counseling-related field and wish to apply directly to a Ph.D. program. Having a post-BA track allows us to accept qualified applicants to the Ph.D. program who may have work, volunteer, or research experience in counseling or a related profession, have exhibited a passion for helping others, and/or possess a master's degree in a non-counseling field. If you are unsure which option is right for you, review the information in the "Ph.D. Information and Instructions for Fall Applicants" link, found

on our website at Information for Prospective Ph.D. Applicants (<https://counselingpsych.education.wisc.edu/cp/phd-program/for-prospective-phd-applicants/>).

Unlike students in our regular "post-M.A." track (i.e., those who enter with a Master's degree), post-B.A. track students start the program alongside the incoming Master's student cohort. In their first academic year, post-B.A. track students will complete a course load similar to their Master's student counterparts. In their second academic year, post-B.A. track students will complete their "first Year Experience" while beginning their Ph.D. coursework. Post-B.A. track students are not currently required to complete a Master's thesis or the Professional Integration Exercise, but will also not receive a Master's degree unless they choose to meet all requirement's for our masters program.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

A number of informational meetings are held each fall by our department.

A list of these meetings can be found on our Information for Prospective Ph.D. Applicants (<https://counselingpsych.education.wisc.edu/cp/phd-program/for-prospective-phd-applicants/>) page.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Up-to-date information and requirements regarding applying to our Ph.D. program can be found on our Information for Prospective Ph.D. Applicants page (<https://counselingpsych.education.wisc.edu/cp/phd-program/for-prospective-phd-applicants/>).

Questions can be directed to the Student Services Coordinator. See the People tab for contact information.