

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, PH.D.

Mission

The mission of the Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/g/clinical-psychology-phd/>) is to produce graduates who can integrate the science and practice of psychology with Christian theology, and who are prepared to meet the psychological needs of the world in general and the Christian community specifically through professional service and scholarship.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology, students will be able to:

1. An aim of the PhD program is to produce clinical psychologists who possess the requisite clinical skills (including knowledge and professional attitudes) to meet the psychological needs of society (ULO 1).
2. An aim of the PhD program is to produce clinical psychologists who can demonstrate an increasingly independent and enhanced ability in research or other scholarly activities, which ultimately can serve psychological practitioners and society at large (ULO 2).
3. An aim of the PhD program is to produce clinical psychologists who, by knowledge and training, can meet the psychological needs of the Christian community (ULO 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/>) section of this catalog.

Requirements

Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology

Although Rosemead does not offer a terminal Master's program, a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology is granted after the completion of the first two years of either the Ph.D. or Psy.D. curriculum, including:

1. A minimum of 45 semester credits in psychology (including practicum and psychotherapy lab courses).
2. A minimum of 9 semester credits in theology, 3 credits in statistics, and 3 credits in ethics.
3. A minimum of one year of resident graduate work (the final semester must be in residence).
4. A transfer maximum of 9 credits in psychology may be counted toward the M.A. in Clinical Psychology.

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology

1. Residence and Course Work

Normally, four years of residency are required unless transfer of credit is brought in and advanced standing granted. While the doctorate is not awarded simply for completion of stated course work, there are basic credit requirements for the degree (133 semester credits). Each student is assigned a faculty advisor who assists in the planning of each semester's schedule of courses and supervises the student's progress in the program. For transfer credit, see General Academic Information (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/>).

Psychology: Ph.D. students must complete a minimum of 81 semester credits of psychology in addition to a doctoral dissertation. These 81 credits include 55 credits in required courses, 12 credits of practicum that must be taken in residence, 4 credits of Master's-level research apprenticeship, and 10 credits of psychology electives. Students may apply up to 6 credits of graduate course work from the Cook School of Intercultural Studies toward the total psychology elective credit requirement.

Psychotherapy Laboratory: Students in the Ph.D. program must complete at least 12 credits selected from psychotherapy lab courses. These are taken during the second, third, and fourth years.

Theology: All students must complete 18 credits in theology. These 18 credits consist of Theological and Psychological Anthropology I & II, and the Theology I-V required sequence.

Integration Seminars: All students participate in a series of seminars (10 credits) devoted to the integration of a variety of theological and psychological concepts in research, theory, and practice.

Dissertation Research: 12 credits of dissertation research are required prior to granting the Ph.D.

2. Progress Evaluations

Each year students are evaluated on their general progress toward completion of degree requirements. These evaluations include review of each student's academic skills, clinical skills, and personal/interpersonal/spiritual growth as required by the program. Because all of these areas are integral to the practice of clinical psychology and the distinctive of Rosemead's program, deficiencies in any of them may result in program termination. However, the general objective of such evaluation is to provide feedback conducive to continued growth and development toward successful completion of the degree, high quality of service to clients, and high level of professional competence. Procedures and processes for the evaluations are specified in the Rosemead Student Handbook.

3. Comprehensive Examinations

All students must pass a set of doctoral-level comprehensive examinations covering the following areas: (1) psychological assessment and intervention, (2) integration of psychology and theology, and (3) ethics.

These examinations are scheduled annually and serve as the major means of evaluating a student's suitability to continue studies toward the doctorate. The examinations may be taken after completion of 75% (100 credits) of the course work, completion of the Master's Project, and must be successfully completed prior to the Professional Qualifying Examination.

Only one retake of the examination is allowed. The dates of the Comprehensive Examinations are specified in the Academic Calendar.

4. Admission to Candidacy

Official candidacy for the doctorate signifies an advanced stage in the student's progress. In order to be admitted to candidacy the student must have:

- Successfully completed the Second Year Evaluation
- Completed the Master's Project
- Passed the Comprehensive Research Examination
- Passed the Comprehensive Examinations
- Received approval of dissertation proposal by the Doctoral Committee
- Completed training therapy experience

5. Professional Qualifying Exam

All doctoral students must successfully complete an examination that evaluates the student's readiness for a full-time internship. It may be taken any time after the comprehensive examinations

have been passed and must be completed prior to acceptance of an internship. Only one retake of the exam is allowed. The examining committee may require the student to complete additional coursework, practicum, or other professional growth experiences prior to beginning the internship. See the Professional Qualifying Exam Guidelines in the student handbook for further details.

6. Internship

All students are required to successfully complete a one year, full-time clinical internship prior to graduation. All internships are to be approved in advance by the Clinical Training Committee. For further details, refer to the Internship Guidelines in the student handbook.

Also, all students need to meet with a Graduate Graduation Counselor in the Office of the Registrar to have their internship eligibility confirmed one year prior to their internship. Internship Fees are listed in the Internship course section (RSTN 731). There is some provision for students to complete this requirement in two years at half-time.

7. Completion of Training Therapy Experience

All students must receive certification of completion of training therapy from the Director of Clinical Training. 86 hours of training therapy is required, at least 50 of which must be individual therapy. See Training Therapy Guidelines in the student handbook for further details.

8. Completion of Comprehensive Research Examination

All Ph.D. students must pass a Comprehensive Research Exam given at the completion of their Advanced Research Design course.

9. Dissertation

A dissertation evidencing high attainment in original scholarship must be submitted by all Ph.D. candidates. All dissertation credits must be accrued prior to internship. The student has completed the dissertation portion of the degree requirements only when all Rosemead and UMI forms and fees have been paid and the final copy is submitted by Rosemead School of Psychology to UMI. Detailed information is found in the Student Dissertation Guidelines in the student handbook.

10. Final Oral Examination

The final examination is an oral defense of the dissertation before the doctoral committee and other invited professionals.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
RSDS 721	Dissertation Research ¹	12
RSPY 501	Introduction to Psychotherapy	1
RSPY 502	Advanced Statistics	3
RSPY 504	Evidence-Based Practice: Beyond Treatment Manuals	2
RSPY 506	Program Evaluation and Consultation	3
RSPY 515	Introduction to Psychopathology	3
RSPY 530	History and Systems of Psychology	2
RSPY 561	History of Psychoanalytic Thought	2
RSPY 601	Research Design	3
RSPY 603	Cognitive-Affective Aspects of Behavior	3
RSPY 607	Biological Aspects of Behavior	2
RSPY 608	Social Psychology	3
RSPY 611	Research Apprenticeship I	2
RSPY 612	Research Apprenticeship II	2
RSPY 613	Research Design Lab	0

RSPY 615	Advanced Developmental Psychology	3
RSPY 623	Seminar in Multicultural Issues I ²	1
RSPY 624	Seminar in Multicultural Issues II ²	1
RSPY 625	Multicultural Issues in Clinical Psychology	3
RSPY 641	Measurement and Assessment I: Cognitive Assessment	3
RSPY 642	Measurement and Assessment II: Personality	3
RSPY 681	Pre-practicum I	1
RSPY 682	Pre-practicum II	2
RSPY 688	Practicum Consultation ³	0
RSPY 691	Practicum I	3
RSPY 692	Practicum II	3
RSPY 693	Practicum III	3
RSPY 694	Practicum IV	3
RSPY 704	Advanced Research Design	3
RSPY 708	Structural Equation Modeling	3
RSPY 711	Seminar in Ethical and Professional Issues	3
RSPY 713	Principles and Practices in Clinical Supervision	2
RSPY 715	Training Therapy (Interpersonal) ⁴	0
RSPY 716	Training Therapy (Individual) ⁴	0
RSTH 515	Theological and Psychological Anthropology I	2
RSTH 516	Theological and Psychological Anthropology II	2
RSTH 540	Theology I: Theoretical Foundations of Integration	2
RSTH 550	Theology II: Spiritual Theology and the Dynamics of Change	3
RSTH 613	Theology III: Spiritual Theology and the Dynamics of Change II	3
RSTH 614	Theology IV: Biblical Interpretation and New Testament Psychology	3
RSTH 615	Theology V: The Kingdom of God and Human Flourishing	3
RSTN 731	Full-Time Internship in Clinical Psychology ⁵	0
RSTN 733	Internship in Clinical Psychology-Continuation	0
RSTP 500	Psychotherapy and Religion	1
Elective Requirements		
Students must take the following for elective credit:		
Practicum Electives (RSPY 697, RSPY 698, RSPY 699)		4
Psychology Electives (RSPY only)		6
Integration Electives (RSTP)		9
Psychotherapy Lab Electives (RSLB)		12
Total Credits		133

¹ Must be taken multiple times for a total of 12 credits.

² Must be taken during the first year.

³ RSPY 688 must be taken four times alongside RSPY 691, RSPY 692, RSPY 693, RSPY 694. In addition, it must be taken with any Practicum Electives (RSPY 697, RSPY 698, RSPY 699).

⁴ Must be taken at least two times.

⁵ Will be taken twice.