Clinical Psychology FAQ

***Does the Psychology Department offer a master’s program in clinical psychology?***

No, we do not offer a terminal master’s program in clinical psychology. All clinical students

must be accepted and enrolled in our full-time Ph.D. program in clinical psychology. Clinical

Psychology Ph.D. students earn their master’s degree on the way to the Ph.D.

***Does the Psychology Department accept part-time clinical students?***

No, we do not. The clinical program and its training experiences are only open to full-time,

non-working doctoral students enrolled in the Psychology and Neuroscience Department’s

Ph.D. program.

***Can you send me information about your program and an application packet in the mail?***

We are no longer sending program information and application materials out by mail. All

available information about our graduate program and the application process – including all

necessary application materials and forms – can be accessed directly from our website – the

very one you’re on right now. There is no additional information available to be sent to you.

***I am interested in applying to your program and was wondering whether it would be convenient for me to make a visit to the campus and possibly meet a graduate student or professor before I send in my application?***

In light of the large number of applications we receive each year, we are unable to grant

requests for interviews and in-person meetings prior to the invited admissions interviews.

However, you should feel free to email one or more of our faculty members with whom you

might be interested in working and let them know of your interest or ask them a question if

you’d like. Of course, if you are in the area, you can certainly stop by and look around the

campus, but we will generally not be able to set up appointments for you to meet with students or faculty. If you do apply and are one of the applicants invited to participate in our interview process, you will have ample opportunity to meet with faculty and graduate students at that time.

***How will you be conducting interviews?***

All interviews will be conducted by Zoom or phone for Fall 2024 admissions. See the Student

Selection Process section of our website for more details.

***Do you have an Open House for prospective graduate students?***

No, we don’t conduct any open houses or informational sessions for our program. Instead, we

invite approximately 40-50 applicants to interview virtually with us in January. Applicants who

receive offers of admission to the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program will have an opportunity to visit in person if they wish, but this is not required.

***Do any additional forms need to be submitted in order to be considered for a research or teaching assistantship or for other forms of financial assistance?***

No, there are no such additional forms. We do not accept students into our program without funding them. Every offer of admission comes with an assistantship or fellowship attached, which includes full tuition remission, stipend, and health care benefit, so applying for admission is all you need to do. If you are invited for interviews, we will explain the specific forms of funding available to you in more detail during our interview days.

***Is it possible to find out which faculty in the clinical psychology graduate program will be accepting students in Fall 2024?***

The exact distribution changes from year to year, but most faculty members accept about one

student each year, and occasionally more than one. However, we typically indicate on our

website any faculty members who do not plan to accept students for the next year by the end

of September. However, it also should be noted that a faculty member’s situation may

occasionally change somewhat as we go through the process. If that happens, we will update

their status on the website to reflect this.

***Does Temple’s clinical program have a child clinical track or specialization?***

We do not offer a child track per se. However, in recognition of the department’s strengths in

both the child clinical and developmental areas, as well as the growing interest in this field, we do offer something we call a developmental psychopathology concentration. It includes a list of required and recommended courses and training experiences for students in either the clinical or developmental programs wishing to emphasize this aspect of their training. For more details please click [here.](https://sites.google.com/a/temple.edu/psychology-department-test-site/graduate/developmental/developmental-psychopathology)

***Do you require the GRE Advanced (i.e., Psychology) test?***

For Fall 2024 admissions, we are not requiring either general or Psychology GRE scores at all for admission. GREs are optional. Applicants who wish to submit their GRE scores may do so and we will consider them in addition to other components of their application. Applicants who do not wish to submit GRE scores are under no pressure to do so. For applicants who do not submit GRE scores, we will consider all other parts of their applications. Applicants who do not submit GRE scores will NOT have a lower chance of admission to our program. In fact, last year, most applicants invited for interview and accepted to our program did not submit GRE scores. Please do whatever is best for you.

***Do you require submission of official transcripts?***

In the online application, you will be able to upload your unofficial transcripts. Unofficial transcripts will be sufficient to apply. Ultimately, we do require official transcripts from all prior undergraduate and graduate institutions at which you have taken courses to possibly be accepted. However, it will not be necessary to submit official transcripts unless we ask you for them. We will notify all applicants under serious consideration that they should quickly arrange for official transcripts to be sent to us.

***How many applications do you get each year?***

It varies from year to year between 400-700 applications. For 2022, we received 675

applications, and for 2023, the first year we moved to a November 15 application deadline, we received 500 applications.

***How many students do you accept?***

That number varies from year to year as well, but generally lies somewhere between 7-9. We anticipate that we can accept approximately 7-8 students for the Fall 2024 incoming class.

***What is the process once my application packet is complete?***

Completed applications for the clinical program are briefly reviewed by the Clinical Admissions Director and evaluated more carefully by the member of the clinical faculty who you have indicated is your first choice for mentor in your application (and possibly also by your second or third choice for mentor). Each faculty member who reviews the application gives it a rating based on merit and potential fit to the program, as well as to the individual faculty member’s program of research. Based on those ratings, faculty members looking to take one or more students may conduct a first round of interviews with highly rated applicants of interest to them. Then, we will select approximately 5-6 applicants per student slot to invite for a second round of formal interviews. The second round of interviews will take place on January 10-12, 2024. See the Student Selection Process section of our website for more details.

***How many faculty members will evaluate my application?***

Every application is reviewed and rated by at least the member of the clinical faculty ranked as your first choice for potential mentor in your application. In some cases, your second or

third choice for mentors also may review your application as well. Based on the application and the first round of interviews, each faculty member then selects a group of applicants to invite for the second round of interviews as potential students to work with. Therefore, it is important that you attend closely to potential interest overlap and fit to the mentor(s) you rank highest, as potential fit is an extremely important factor in determining your chances of being invited to interview.

***Will I be notified if I am not going to be invited for an interview?***

Once we have selected the applicants to whom we are offering interviews, we will contact them directly by email, typically in early January. All other applicant files are sent to the Graduate School, which, in turn, will notify those applicants that they will not be receiving offers of admission. Since this process typically takes several weeks at least, applicants who have not been invited to interview will not likely be informed of such by the Graduate School until sometime after all interviews are granted and admissions offers have been extended. However, we will post an admissions update to the clinical program’s webpage once we have completed the process of extending all of our invitations for interviews, so that those who have not been contacted will know that an invitation will not be forthcoming. Please check the webpage around mid-January for that update. Please do not call the Psychology and Neuroscience Department or the Graduate School for updates on your status. Instead, please monitor the clinical psychology program’s webpage for links to any admissions updates, or contact Dr. Lauren Alloy by email at lalloy@temple.edu if you require additional information.