



UT Tyler
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

Program Emphasis Areas

Ph.D. Clinical Psychology Program

Within the PhD program, we have three emphasis tracks which provide additional training in 1) Geropsychology, 2) Veteran's Issues, and 3) Rural Mental Health. These areas represent areas of need in the East Texas region over the next 10-15 years and were the foundation for the development of our PhD program.

Guidance for the development of these emphasis areas comes from American Psychological Association. (2020). Education and training guidelines: A taxonomy for education and training in professional psychology health service specialties and subspecialties.

Guiding Document: <http://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/specialize/taxonomy.pdf>

Major Area of Study: Clinical Psychology (Health Service Psychology). Our program is 5-year program that offers didactic coursework and supervised clinical training in clinical psychology, which includes a thesis and dissertation. A doctoral internship is required.

Emphasis Areas: Geropsychology, Veteran's Issues, Rural Mental Health.

Students select a primary emphasis area and are allowed to take courses in other emphasis areas as approved by their academic advisor.

A programmatic emphasis area reflects a structured, in-depth opportunity for knowledge acquisition, practical experience, and scientific study in a given specialty or subspecialty area.

	Geropsychology	Veteran's Issues	Rural Mental Health
Faculty Area of Interest	Dr. Barnett	Dr. McGuire Dr. Combs (clinical practice only)	Dr. Combs, Dr. Berkout, Dr. Green, Dr. Sass and Dr. Yuen
Class 1 (Required)	PSYC 6324: Diversity in Psychology	PSYC 6324: Diversity in Psychology	PSYC 6324: Diversity in Psychology
Class 2 (PSYC 6381 is required and you can take a second section of 6381 in lieu of an elective.)	PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved Populations- Death and Dying	PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved Populations- Treatment of Trauma	PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved Populations- Rural Acceptance and Commitment
Class 3 (PSYC 6381 is required and you can take a second section	PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved	PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved	PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved

of 6381 in lieu of an elective.)	Populations- Advanced Assessment of Memory	Populations-Veterans and Military Culture	Populations-Rural Mental Health
Class 4 (Required)	PSYC 6382: Research with Underserved Populations	PSYC 6382: Research with Underserved Populations	PSYC 6382: Research with Underserved Populations
Class 5	Gero/Neuro Elective	Veteran Elective	Rural Elective- Group Therapy Recommended
Class 6	Gero/Neuro Elective	Veteran Elective	Rural Elective
Class 7	Gero/Neuro Elective	Veteran Elective	Rural Elective
Practicum (Required)	PSYC 6312: Practicum with Underserved Populations (2 semesters)	PSYC 6312: Practicum with Underserved Populations (2 semesters)	PSYC 6312: Practicum with Underserved Populations (2 semesters)
Required Program Activity	Presentation at Diversity Seminar	Presentation at Diversity Seminar	Presentation at Diversity Seminar

Note. You are required to take PSYC 6381, PSYC 6382, and two semesters of PSYC 6312. You have the choice of 3 electives. You may take a second section of PSYC 6381 in lieu of one elective.

Questions about each specialty can be directed to the area emphasis directors:

- Michael Barnett, PhD, Geropsychology
- Adam McGuire, PhD, Veteran's Issues
- Dennis Combs, PhD and DCT, Rural Mental Health