

## FAQ's for Fall 2025 Admissions and Recruitment

### Program Webpage

<https://www.uttyler.edu/academics/colleges-schools/education-psychology/departments/psychology-counseling/graduate/phd-clinical-psychology/>

### How many applications does the program receive and what is the acceptance rate?

The PhD in Clinical Psychology receives around 50 applications per year and we invite between 15-20 students for an on campus interview. Each faculty member selects a student to work with in the program. We typically admit 4-6 students in the fall of each academic year. Applications are due January 15, 2025 and interviews are usually in early March. Final acceptances are due April 15, 2025.

### Where can I find the program's degree plans?

Our program degree plans are posted on the PhD in Clinical Psychology program page under the Degree plan tab on the right side. <https://www.uttyler.edu/academics/colleges-schools/education-psychology/departments/psychology-counseling/graduate/phd-clinical-psychology/>

### Are students funded in the program?

Yes- we offer students funding in the program. This includes a 12-month stipend, 50 % tuition waiver and a scholarship to help with expenses. Funding is pending budget and funding levels. More advanced students can teach classes in our program as instructors.

### Can I transfer in courses to the program?

Yes- students who complete the UT Tyler Clinical Psychology and Clinical Mental Health Counseling program can transfer in 15 hours of previous course work. Students from other graduate programs in psychology can transfer in 12 hours pending review. Other courses will be considered by petition and program review. Undergraduate courses will not transfer into the PhD program. There is a list of approved transfer courses on our program webpage.

### How are applications reviewed and what can I do to improve my application chances?

Applications are reviewed holistically by all faculty and the GRE is not required. However, GPA, previous research experience, a well-developed statement of purpose, and positive letters of recommendation are crucial to a successful application. Having previous research experience and matching with a faculty member are considered the most important features we look for in students.

### Are letters of recommendation required?

Yes, we require 3 letters of recommendation for faculty who are familiar with your work and training. These are academic references not from friends or family members. The letters need to speak about your academic and research potential.

### What are the emphasis areas in the program?

We have three emphasis areas in the program: Rural Mental Health, Veteran's Issues, and Geropsychology. There is additional course work as part of these areas. Students usually select one emphasis area but can take courses across areas if approved by their advisor.

**How long does the program take to complete?**

The program is a 5-year program with one year as a doctoral intern in an off-site location. Students can stay an additional year pending their progress and career needs. The program requires the completion of 99 hours.

**Is the program online?**

No, we are an in-person face to face program although some classes may be online or hybrid.

**What GPA is needed for admission?**

We require a GPA of 3.0 or higher but admitted students often have higher GPA's. We generally look at both undergraduate and graduate GPA and take the higher of the two as indicators of academic potential. Students with D or F grades will have problems being competitive in our program. Low grades in psychology classes are concerning as well.

**Is research required in the program?**

Yes- we are a scientist-practitioner program and a thesis and dissertation are required. Students are expected to present and publish their research while developing their own program of independent research. Research is learned and modeled through a supportive mentoring environment.

**What types of clinical training is offered in the program?**

Students proceed through initial coursework on therapy, assessment and clinical skills then move to a sequence of practicum classes where they work in external agencies. There are 6 practicum classes required in the program and all clinical work is supervised. Students begin clinical skills training in year 2 and work in the Psychology On Campus Training Clinic.

**Where can I find a list of program faculty?**

We have list of program faculty along with research and practice areas on our PhD program webpage.

**Can I contact faculty about admissions?**

Yes- potential students can contact faculty to discuss their research areas and program of study. Program faculty are generally responsive to student inquiries about possible admission. We do not do pre-interviews for admission and contacting faculty does not improve your chances of admission.

**Is the program APA Accredited?**

We are working towards contingent APA accreditation and completed our site visit in Feb of 2024

**How many students are currently in the program?**

We have 25 students currently enrolled as full time students in the program