

**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. The increased need and demand to provide competent clinical psychologists to work in these areas was a main reason we developed these program specific emphasis areas.

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. Retrieved from <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

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

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|  | **Geropsychology** | **Veterans Issues** | **Rural Mental Health** |
| **Faculty Area of Interest** | Dr. Barnett | Dr. McGuireDr. Combs (clinical practice only) | Dr. Combs, Dr. Berkout, Dr. Green, , Dr. Sass and Dr. Yuen |
| **Class 1** | PSYC 6324: Diversity in Psychology | PSYC 6324: Diversity in Psychology | PSYC 6324: Diversity in Psychology |
| **Class 2** | PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved Populations- Fixed Battery | PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved Populations- Treatment of Trauma | PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved Populations- Treatment Issues in Rural Mental Health |
| **Class 3** | PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved Populations- Assessment of Memory | PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved Populations-Veterans and Military Culture | PSYC 6381: Seminar in Underserved Populations-Rural Mental Health |
| **Class 4** | PSYC 6381: Research with Underserved Populations | PSYC 6381: Research with Underserved Populations | PSYC 6381: Research with Underserved Populations |
| **Class 5** | PSYC 5380: Seminar-Death and Dying | TBD | PSYC 5380: Seminar- Rural Acceptance and Commitment Therapy  |
| **Practicum** | 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 |