

Clinical Psychology PsyD Admissions

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Three letters of recommendation, official transcripts, Psychology GRE subject test, personal statement, brief essay addressing alignment with GSAPP's mission, and current CV

PERSONAL STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit a personal statement describing your experiences related to, and your commitment to, pursuing a career in clinical psychology with a doctor of psychology degree (Psy.D.) degree. Page length: 1.5-2 pages or approximately 750 – 1000 words single spaced, 12-point font.

Please note that personal statements more than 2 pages may not be reviewed.

BRIEF ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit a brief essay describing how your life and/or professional experiences and aspirations relate specifically to GSAPP's mission. At GSAPP, we are committed to preparing exceptional practitioners, scholars, and leaders in applied and professional psychology who serve diverse populations. We do this by translating cutting-edge, scientific knowledge into innovative, evidence-based practices that advance social justice and create lasting, positive change for individuals, groups, systems, organizations, and communities at local, state, and national levels. We transform policy and practice throughout New Jersey and beyond. Page length: 1 page or approximately 300-500 words single spaced, 12-point font. *Please note that essays more than 1 page may not be reviewed.*

USE OF AI

We encourage applicants to limit their use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) to 10% or less when using it a resource for completing the personal statement and brief essay. However, transparency is crucial, and applicants are expected to explicitly cite any generative AI tools they use in the development, writing, and/or editing of their personal statement and brief essay. The program may screen for use of generative AI as part of the application review process; thus, this citation allows for the ethical acknowledgement of the collaborative nature of generative AI while also allowing the program to assess your unique contribution to the development, writing, and/or editing of the personal statement and brief essay.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Our program received over 1200 applications for the 2025-2026 admissions cycle. We typically interview around 50 applicants to accept a cohort of about 20-21 students. Successful applicants to our program typically have a 3.6 or greater undergraduate GPA and/or a 3.8 or greater Master's GPA, along with excellent letters of recommendation from professional references who know the applicant well, a score of 617 or greater on the Psychology GRE subject test, and applied experiences in clinical/counseling/or other related field and/or research.