

Information for Prospective Students:

Clinical Psychology Department (CPD)

Our Mission and Vision:

The Clinical Psychology Department provides integrative, professionally oriented education and clinical training for mental health professionals, emphasizing lifelong learning and growth, consciousness, character, and integrity with the goal of promoting human development and alleviating suffering.

We value community, holistic learning, and values-based training which affirms sacredness and diversity. We support community engagement, service, and the work of social justice.

The Clinical Psychology Department strives to provide ethical, comprehensive, and innovative clinical psychology training for mental health professionals while remaining guided by its humanistic core values.

Our Program:

The CPD is structured to meet your professional goals through the Master's of Science in Clinical Psychology Program (MSCP); the Master's of Science in Clinical Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy Program (MSCP/MFT); and the Master's of Science in Clinical Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy and Licensed Professional Clinical Counseling Program (MSCP/MFT/LPCC). We also offer a Clinical Gerontology Concentration within all programs.

We prepare students for doctoral studies in psychology to become a psychologist; or to pursue doctorates in related fields such as law, medicine, neuroscience, social work, and education.

We prepare students to become an unlicensed masters-level mental health and/or gerontology professional; a licensed marriage and family therapist (MFT), and/or a licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC). Graduates qualify for careers in mental health, medical, allied health, administration, social service, legal, educational, geriatric, research and business settings.

The CPD approaches the study of clinical psychology with a value on the development of the whole person throughout the lifespan. Guided by the scholar-practitioner model, the CPD supports rigorous, clinical training; values curiosity; honors diversity in academic, theoretical, and learning approaches; and respects the validity of theoretical, empirical, experiential, and clinical forms of learning. The CPD is grounded in an integrative psychological approach, which emphasizes the interdependence of psychological, developmental, relational, affective, cognitive, behavioral, neurobiological, spiritual, cultural, and social, dimensions of human behavior. Scientific, philosophical, humanistic, aesthetic, spiritual, and cultural ways of understanding human dynamics are all valued.

The 5C's of the CPD:

The Mission and Vision of the CPD Emphasizes:

Community

Culture

Character

Clinical Training

Core Values

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Distinctions of the Clinical Psychology Department:

- Comprehensive program offers the MSCP, MSCP/MFT, and MSCP/MFT/LPCC degree programs, a clinical gerontology concentration, and choices for fulfilling, individualized career goals in the field of clinical psychology.
- Courses are conveniently offered in the late afternoon, evening, and weekends.
- Program emphasizes integrative education; rigorous clinical training; community engagement, community based learning and research; academic direction, mission and value-based learning; mentoring relationships; and personalized learning.
- Fulfills California academic requirements with the Board of Behavioral Sciences for licensed marriage and family therapists (MFT) and licensed professional clinical counselors (LPCC) and prepares students for the MFT/LPCC exams and licensures.
- Prepares students for competitive doctoral studies in psychology or related fields (law, social work, education) including supporting students to become a clinical, experimental, developmental, or social psychologist.
- Graduate training in clinical psychology is applicable to many backgrounds: social work, sociology, biology, business, education, law, medicine, and allied health.
- Innovative clinical and psychotherapy courses with professors who are all scholar-practitioners: highly trained, experienced clinicians, who are actively practicing in the field, pursuing scholarly activities, and engaged in service to the community.
- Sponsors Professional Speakers Series.
- Sponsors Practicum Training Fair with community agencies, providing opportunities for practicum and internship placements throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Research training is supported through a comprehensive, individualized capstone or thesis research project related to professional interests that can be applied professionally.
- Clinical training is managed by the Director of Clinical Training, also an experienced licensed clinical psychologist in private practice, and the Clinical Training Team, licensed mental health professionals, who teach Practicum which counts towards MFT licensure.
- Academic success is supported through the Academic Director, whose background in student services, career, and academic counseling supports students' academic goals.
- Program Chair, also a licensed clinical psychologist and analyst in private practice, values scholarship, clinical training, community engagement, and real world experience.