Counseling Psychology (Ph.D.)

Develop the clinical and research skills you need for a fulfilling career as a counseling psychologist.

Grounded in the scientist-practitioner training model with a multicultural and social justice emphasis, the Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology at UND gives students a foundation for making a lifelong difference in their communities. More than learning the basics, our students prepare to pursue careers as practitioners, faculty members, consultants, researchers and agents of change.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Doctoral Degree
Format: On-campus
Est. time to complete: 4-6 years
Credit hours: 98

Why Earn a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at UND?

Counseling psychology is a career that enables graduates to have a direct, positive change in society. With a Counseling Psychology Ph.D. from UND, you will have the skills and background you need to make a difference in people’s lives and your community.

UND’s doctoral Counseling Psychology program integrates practice and science to prepare competent, well-rounded professionals. You will receive extensive training in research and clinical skills to prepare you for a variety of settings and careers. Our curriculum emphasizes the role of social justice in psychological practice, and we value diversity in all its many forms.

As a Counseling Psychology Ph.D. student at UND, you’ll receive specialized training in the following areas:

- Integrated behavioral healthcare
- Vocational psychology
- Multicultural and social justice issues
- Counseling and assessment across the lifespan, including in child & adolescent psychotherapy
- Consultation, Leadership, and Grant Writing

You’ll graduate ready to serve as a leader in the field, especially in serving diverse and underserved populations.

Faculty in Counseling Psychology & Community Services

Accreditation by APA

The Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program is accredited by the American Psychological Association. Our last accreditation review was completed in December 2012, and we earned seven years of accredited status.

For information regarding accreditation status, contact:

American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation
Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
American Psychological Association
Student Admissions, Outcomes, and Other Data

Application Deadlines

**FALL: DEC 15**
*Our deadline has been extended.*

Counseling Psychology Overview

- Work closely with nationally recognized faculty mentors and engage in high-impact research.
- Engage in professional development and leadership through professional organizations including the Society of Counseling Psychology and the American Psychological Association.
- Complete assistantships in the areas of research, teaching and supervision.
- Receive funding opportunities, including tuition waivers and graduate assistantships, where available.
- Complete practicum training at a wide range of sites, including university counseling centers, integrated behavioral healthcare centers, the Veterans Administration and community mental health agencies.

Counseling Psychology Careers

**75K** Median annual salary for psychologists*

**14%** Anticipated job growth for psychologists*

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Careers as a Licensed Psychologist

A Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from UND prepares you to work as a licensed psychologist in settings such as:

- Community mental health agencies
- College and university counseling centers
- Hospitals and medical centers
- College and university departments of counseling and psychology
- Independent private practice
- Consultation and policy work

Our graduates consistently report that their UND education has prepared them to excel in practice, supervision, teaching and research settings. They report their competency in diversity and social justice issues sets them apart.

When You Earn a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

A doctorate in Counseling Psychology gives you the strategic skills you need, including:

- Psychotherapy
- Psychology
- eClinicalWorks (ECW)
- Family Therapy
- Crisis Intervention

UND Counseling Psychology Alumni
Counseling Psychology alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers with:

- Aspire Services Group, Inc.
- Bad River Berries
- Family Institute P.C.
- Louisiana Tech University