

Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

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

This program is grounded in the scientist-practitioner training model with a multicultural and social justice emphasis. Be prepared for a career as a practitioner, faculty member, consultant, researcher, or agent of change. No GRE is required.

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?

Application Deadlines

Fall: Dec. 1

If you're an international student, refer to the international application process for deadlines.

Counseling psychology is a career that enables graduates to have a direct, positive change in society. 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.

Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology Faculty

Faculty currently accepting Ph.D. students include:

- Ethan Dahl, Ph.D.
- Karla Fehr, Ph.D.
- Rachel L. Navarro, Ph.D., L.P.
- Katherine L. Nelson Ph.D., L.P., L.P.C.
- Kara Wettersten, Ph.D., L.P.
- Ryan Flinn, Ph.D.
- Akorede Teriba, Ph.D.

Counseling Psychology & Community Services Faculty and Staff

UND's Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

- 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 range of sites, including university counseling centers, integrated behavioral healthcare centers, the Veterans Administration and community mental health agencies.
- Land an immersive internship with UND's Accelerate to Industry (A2i) partners.

What can you do with a Ph.D. in counseling psychology?

85K Median annual salary for psychologists

- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

6% Anticipated job growth for psychologists

- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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.

Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology Skills

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

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

Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology Courses

Multicultural Counseling

COUN 532. Multicultural Counseling. 4 Credits.

This course offers an introduction to counseling theories and interventions appropriate for American ethnic and non-ethnic minority clients. The values suppositions of various cultural groups will be examined. In-class group experience is included. F,S,SS.

The Psychology of Women, Gender, and Development

COUN 531. Psychology of Women, Gender and Development. 3 Credits.

This course presents current research and trends in development theory, particularly theories pertaining to the psychological development of women and men. Issues such as abuse, ageism, depression, eating disorders, emotional experience and expression, heterosexism, feminism, and multiculturalism will be examined as related to the practice of psychology. Learning methods include writing, music, film, group discussion and creative projects. On demand.

Supervision Theory and Technique

COUN 560. Supervision and Consultation Theory and Practice. 3 Credits.

A survey and critical examination of approaches, techniques and issues in providing supervision and consultation. Includes reading of current theory and research on supervision and consultation, critical analysis of approaches to supervision, demonstrations, and role-played experiences of different supervision techniques. Prerequisite: Admission to the doctoral program in Counseling Psychology, the Master's program in Counseling, the doctoral program in Clinical Psychology or instructor permission. F,S,SS.

Advanced Psychometrics

COUN 555. Advanced Psychometrics. 3 Credits.

This lecture/lab course allows students to become familiar with fundamental concepts of psychological measurement. The emphases of the course is on test development strategies based in classical testing theory, but also includes an introduction to item response theory. Additional purposes include gaining knowledge of APA standards of assessment and their application to the profession of Counseling Psychology and related fields. Finally, the application of psychometric theory to relevant assessment instruments and the cultural implications of these applications are addressed. Prerequisite: *COUN 517* or equivalent, and admission to doctoral program. F, even years.

Research Issues in Counseling Psychology

COUN 551. Research Issues in Counseling Psychology. 3 Credits.

This seminar is designed to increase students' self-efficacy and ability to examine critically research issues in Counseling Psychology and their relationship to practice. Students will further develop and demonstrate skills necessary to conduct the science of Counseling Psychology, including problem conceptualization, study design and the writing of proposals. Prerequisite: Admission to the doctoral program.

Child and Adolescent Counseling

COUN 534. Child and Adolescent Counseling. 3 Credits.

Theory, research, and practice of child and adolescent counseling. F.

APA Accredited Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

The Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program is accredited by the American Psychological Association. Our last accreditation review was completed in July 2021, and we earned ten years of accredited status.

STUDENT ADMISSIONS, OUTCOMES, AND OTHER DATA

For information regarding accreditation status, contact:

American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation
Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
American Psychological Association
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Washington, DC 20002-4242
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Counseling Psychology Ph.D. at Work

Advocate for the underserved.

Dr. Lauren Chapple-Love is a licensed psychologist in Las Vegas. She works to reach underserved communities like LGBTQIA+, BIPOC.

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