PSYCHOLOGY,
CLINICAL-COMMUNITY

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Ph.D. Degree
Minimum Requirements for Degree: 115 credits

The Ph.D. program in clinical-community psychology with a rural, indigenous emphasis is a partnership between the departments of psychology at UAF and UAA. Although the degree is awarded by UAF, the only doctoral degree granting institution in the UA system, students can complete the entire degree program in residence at UAA. All program courses are co-taught across campuses via video conference and all program components are delivered by faculty at both campuses. The student experience is identical regardless of students’ city of residence (Fairbanks or Anchorage). The program focuses include clinical, community, and cross-cultural psychology. As a UAF-UAA partnership, the program integrates the strengths and resources of both campuses to advance academic excellence, promote innovative and practical research, and provide solid graduate training in clinical-community psychology.

The program ensures that graduates have obtained the full range of clinical training mandated for doctoral-level clinical psychologists and will be adequately prepared for licensure as psychologists. Accreditation for the program is sought from the American Psychological Association as soon as eligibility has been reached.

Students apply to the joint Ph.D. program in clinical-community psychology at both UAA and UAF. All applicants submit identical application materials to both institutions; materials are collected and evaluated by the joint UAA/UAF Ph.D. admissions committee which makes admissions recommendations to the dean of the UAF graduate school. Applicants may specify a preference for either campus as a location for their studies. For more information about the application process, visit the program website at http://psyphd.alaska.edu.

Graduate Program — Ph.D. Degree

Admission Requirements

1. Application deadline: Received by Dec. 15 for the following fall admission. This is the only opportunity for program admission each year.
2. Compliance with the university requirements for a doctoral degree and admission to graduate studies as detailed in the UAF catalog.
3. Minimum of a bachelor’s degree (B.S. or B.A. or B.Ed.); major in psychology or related field preferred. All requirements for bachelor’s degree must be completed by June 30 prior to matriculation.
4. Minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0.
5. Minimum 3.0 grade point average in major and in all psychology courses.
6. Course work in the areas of abnormal psychology, statistics, research methods and one of the following: personality, clinical psychology, social psychology or community psychology. All prerequisite course work must be completed by June 30 prior to matriculation.
7. Letter of intent describing the applicant’s interest and purpose in studying clinical-community psychology, the reasons why a Ph.D. in clinical-community psychology at UAA/UAF is sought at this point in the applicant’s professional development, and demonstrating an understanding of professional ethics.
8. Professional vita, including documentation regarding academic, research and professional experiences, special projects and activities, and recognitions or honors.
9. Three professional references (preferably curriculum or research advisors, major course instructors with whom the student had contact in more than one course, and/or supervisors).
10. Disclosure statement, located at http://psyphd.alaska.edu/admissions.htm, must accompany the application to the program. Lifetime criminal background check must be submitted by students invited to a personal interview at least two weeks prior to the interview.

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 198).
2. Complete the program and additional requirements listed below:

Program Requirements

Students must complete 26 required courses (for a total of 70 credits), 18 credits of dissertation, 18 credits of predoctoral internship and 9 credits of electives. Students must accumulate a minimum of 115 credits to graduate and must have completed all required course work. Students entering the program with a masters degree in psychology or related field must complete at least two years of full-time course work, 18 credits of dissertation, and one year of predoctoral internship, all approved by the student’s advisory committee.

3. Cultural Immersion: During their first year in the Ph.D. program, students must participate in a cultural immersion experience as defined by program faculty. This experience will be coordinated by the directors of clinical training (DCTs) and will also be attended by at least one faculty member per campus who teaches in the Ph.D. program. The experience is not graded but must be completed before students are allowed to register for courses.
4. Complete the following required courses:
   PSY F601—Clinical/Community/Cross-Cultural Integration
   Seminar (3 years, 1 credit per year) .................................................. 3
   PSY F602—Native Ways of Knowing .................................................. 3
   PSY F603—Alaska and Rural Psychology ........................................... 3
   PSY F604—Biological and Pharmacological Bases of
   Behavior ................................................................................................. 3
   PSY F605—History and Systems ......................................................... 1
   PSY F607—Cognition, Affect and Culture ........................................... 3
   PSY F611—Ethics and Professional Practice ......................................... 3
   PSY F612—Human Development in a Cultural Context ......................... 3
   PSY F616—Program Evaluation and Community
   Consultation I .......................................................................................... 3
   PSY F617—Program Evaluation and Community
   Consultation II ........................................................................................ 3
   PSY F622—Multicultural Psychopathology .......................................... 3
   PSY F623—Intervention I ......................................................................... 3
   PSY F629—Intervention II ....................................................................... 3
   PSY F632—Community Psychology Across Culture ............................. 3
   PSY F633—Tests and Measurement in Multicultural Context ............... 3
   PSY F639—Research Methods ................................................................ 3
   PSY F652—Practicum Placement — Clinical I ....................................... 3
   PSY F653—Practicum Placement — Clinical II ...................................... 3
   PSY F657—Quantitative Analysis .......................................................... 3
   PSY F658—Qualitative Analysis .............................................................. 3
   PSY F672—Practicum Placement — Community I ................................. 3
   PSY F673—Practicum Placement — Community II .................................. 3
   PSY F679—Multicultural Psychological Assessment I ............................ 3
   PSY F681—Substances of Abuse in Alaska ............................................ 1
   PSY F682—Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment Planning 1
   PSY F683—Clinical Interventions in Substance Abuse ......................... 1
   PSY F686—Predoctoral Internship ......................................................... 18
   PSY F699D—Dissertation ..................................................................... 18
   Electives .................................................................................................. 9

5. Minimum credits required ................................................................. 115

Additional Requirements

6. **Clinical-Community Competency**: Students must demonstrate
   clinical-community competency before being allowed to apply
   for internship. Clinical competency is demonstrated through
   preparation of a clinical-community portfolio that will be
   evaluated by an ad hoc committee consisting of four clinically
   trained faculty members (two per campus) who teach in the
   doctoral program. Criteria for the portfolio will be clearly defined
   and samples will be provided for students.

7. **Research Competency**: Students must demonstrate research
   competency before being allowed to register for dissertation
   credits. Research competency is demonstrated through
   preparation of a research portfolio that will be evaluated by an
   ad hoc committee consisting of four research-trained faculty
   members (two per campus) who teach in the doctoral program.
   Criteria for the portfolio will be clearly defined and samples will
   be provided for students.

8. **Advancement to Candidacy**: Before students are allowed to register
   for dissertation credits, they will be reviewed for performance by
   the joint UAA/UAF Ph.D. committee, using existing university
   standards and forms for advancement to candidacy. Review will
   be based on faculty experience with students to date, submitted
   paperwork and student’s progress through the program. Feedback
   from the review will be provided to the student by her or his
   advisor.

   collection for a dissertation project, students must defend their
   proposal to their dissertation committee. The defense must be
   based on a written dissertation proposal to be distributed to the
   dissertation committee after approval by the dissertation chair.
   The defense will be an oral presentation to the committee by the
   student and will not be a public meeting. For data-collection-
   based dissertations, the proposal must also be approved by the
   UAA or UAF Institutional Review Board before data collection can
   commence.

10. **Doctoral Dissertation**: A doctoral dissertation must be carried out
    successfully and approved by a doctoral dissertation committee.
    The dissertation committee will consist of at least four members.
    It is recommended that the dissertation chair be on the same
    campus as the student. There must be at least one committee
    member from each psychology department at UAF and UAA.
    Content areas can vary widely, but must be related to clinical,
    community, or cross-cultural issues and applicable in Alaska
    settings.

11. **Advancement to Internship**: Students must apply to the local
    director of clinical training (DCT) before being permitted to apply
    for a predoctoral internship. DCTs will review the students’ course
    work, assure that all prior milestones have been mastered (i.e.,
    clinical-community competency, research competency, doctoral
    dissertation defense and advancement to candidacy) before
    approving the student for internship and before writing a letter
    of support for the student (typically required by all approved
    internship sites). Lifetime criminal background check must also
    be completed before students can advance to internship.

12. **Predoctoral Internship**: A full-time, one-year predoctoral internship
    is required. This internship should meet the criteria laid out
    by the American Psychological Association; selection of an
    Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers-
    approved internship is encouraged. Placements in Alaska are
    preferred, but not required.

13. **Strict compliance with APA ethical guidelines is required.
    Throughout participation in the degree program. Violations can
    result in immediate dismissal from the program and failure to
    graduate. Completion of an annual disclosure statement is also
    required. Affirmative answers may result in dismissal from the
    program and failure to graduate. The disclosure statement may be
    viewed at [http://psyphd.alaska.edu](http://psyphd.alaska.edu).