

Thinking about graduate school in clinical psychology?

Psychiatry (MD)

Medical School (4yrs), Residency (4yrs), Fellowship (~2+ years), Board Certification (2+ years CME)

Clinical Psychology (PhD)

Graduate School (5-6yrs) includes 1yr pre-doctoral internship before degree

Clinical Psychology (PsyD)

Graduate School (5-6yrs) includes 1yr pre-doctoral internship before degree

Combined Programs (PhD)

Graduate School, training & requirements vary (e.g., Clinical/School, Counseling/Educational, etc.)

Law and Psychology (JD-PhD)

Graduate School, training goals vary widely depending on program

Counseling Psychology (PhD or EdD)

Graduate School, training goals vary widely depending on program

M.A. Programs in Psychology

Typically 2 years, many states are offering limited licensure at the M.A. level (e.g., New York)

MSW/PhD Social Work

Typically 2 years, for the MSW level, sometimes less

How do you decide?

Think about what you want

- What career path do I want?
- What training will best prepare me?

Evaluate the program

- Is there good financial support?
- Does the program provide quality training?

Accreditation: Training

American Psychological Association

- Clinical and Combined Doctoral Programs
- Clinical Psychology Internships
- Postdoctoral Study

Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System

- Clinical Science Programs

Accreditation: APA

<http://apps.apa.org/accredsearch/>

Accreditation: PCSAS



MUST READ MATERIALS:

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McFall, R. M. (2006). Doctoral training in clinical psychology. *Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 2, 21-49.

McFall, R. M. (2012). Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System: FAQs and Facts. *the Behavior Therapist*, 35(1), 11-15.

Accreditation: PCSAS

<http://www.pcsas.org>

Intern Gap Frustrates Clinicians in Training

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They call it “the match.” Every year, thousands of graduate students in clinical [psychology](#) pick the hospitals and clinics where they would like to do yearlong internships. They rank their choices. The internship programs also rank the applicants.

A computer algorithm then digests the lists in an attempt to link mutually desired applicants and programs. But in recent years the process has broken down: In psychology, there are simply not enough internships to go around.

New York Times

Accreditation: Licensure

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

- National Licensing Exam following 1-2 years post-doc
- National Test: <http://www.asppb.org/default.aspx>
- Eligibility requirements vary by state, state exams

The PsyD or PhD Question

What setting do you want to work in?

Class size?

Financial Aid?

The Process: When are you “ready”

Clinical experience?

Research Experience?

Apply straight out of undergrad?

Or, do a “post-baccalaureate”?

The Process: Finding the Perfect Post-Bac

<http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>

The Process: The Application

Applications Due (November, December)

GRE Scores (Advanced Psychology)

Letters

The Personal Statement

CV

Questions?