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)**
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**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
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Accreditation: APA

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

Accreditation: PCSAS

MUST READ MATERIALS:


Accreditation: PCSAS

http://www.pcsas.org

Intern Gap Frustrates Clinicians in Training

By JOSEPH BERGER
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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

The Process: The Application

Applications Due (November, December)
GRE Scores (Advanced Psychology)
Letters
The Personal Statement
CV

Questions?