

# M.S. in General Clinical Psychology

Advance your career with a Master of Science in General Clinical Psychology.

## Objectives

The General Clinical Masters' program operates within a theoretical framework that believes that, at its core, human functioning involves intra- and interpersonal processes that occur within a developmental context. The program's coursework, clinical training, and research training emphasize an empirical framework in which clinical practice and science mutually inform each other. Within this context, the General Clinical Masters' program has two overarching goals. The first is to train students in the practice of current, professionally accepted methods of psychological assessment and psychotherapy based upon various theoretical perspectives of personality and psychopathology. The successful student will be prepared for licensure and clinical practice at the master's level in the state of Michigan. The second goal is to train students in the design and analysis of clinical research.

## Program Requirements

The M.S. in Psychology (General Clinical) requires the completion of 45 hours of course work to be distributed among required core courses, assessment courses, professional practice/treatment courses, practicum courses, cognate courses, and elective courses as follows:

### Required Core Courses: 12 hours

- PSY 600 - Psychological Statistics I 3 hrs
- PSY 646 - Personality: Theory and Research 3 hrs
- PSY 743 - Psychopathology 3 hrs
- PSY 888 - Diversity Issues in Clinical Populations 3 hrs

### Assessment: 8 hours

- PSY 762 – Cognitive Assessment 4 hrs

### One course from the following:

- PSY 770 – Self-report Assessment of Personality 4 hrs
- PSY 771 – Performance-Based Assessment of Personality 4 hrs

### Professional Practice/Treatment: 9 hours

- PSY 751 - Interpersonal Processes in Psychotherapy 3 hrs
- PSY 752 – Evidence Based Psychodynamic Therapy 3 hrs
- PSY 670 – Scientific and Professional Ethics 3 hrs

### Practicum: 4 hours

- PSY 683 – Practicum in Clinical Psychology I 2 hrs
- PSY 684 – Practicum in Clinical psychology II 2 hrs

### Elective Courses: 12 hours

*12 hours selected from psychology courses within the department in consultation with a graduate adviser.*

*Up to six hours may be selected from outside the psychology department in consultation with a graduate adviser.*

### Practicum:

*Students are required to complete a 500 hour practicum experience.*

### Program Total: 45 hours

### Note:

*\* Students admitted to the general clinical program must obtain a B or better grade in all of the required core, assessment, and professional practice/treatment courses. Students will not be approved for practicum placement if they do not obtain a "B" in one or more of the core classes taken in the first year of training.*

*Check our program website for additional information: [emich.edu/psychology/programs/ms\\_gc.php](http://emich.edu/psychology/programs/ms_gc.php)*

## Sample Elective Courses

### Basic Processes

- 620 Learning
- 626 Motivation and Emotion
- 629 Physiological Psychology
- 632 Sensation and Perception
- 633 Cognitive Neuroscience
- 635 Cognitive Processes
- 637 Social Psychology
- 640 Developmental Psychology

### Assessment Courses

- 763 Individual Testing II (tests for children)
- 770 Self-report Assessment of Personality
- 771 Performance-based Assessment of Personality

### Treatment Courses

- 720 Children and Adolescent Psychopathology
- 627 Behavioral and Other Evidence-based Psychotherapies
- 630/621 Behavioral Medicine
- 672 Modern Behavior Therapies
- 721 Treatment of Anxiety Disorders
- 722 Assessment and Treatment of Personality Disorders

### Special Area Courses

- 610 Neuropsychology
- 681 Special Topics (e.g., Anxiety Disorders, Personality Disorder)
- 723 Psychopharmacology
- 744 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology

## Licensure

The primary purpose of the General Clinical Master's Program is to prepare individuals to apply for a "limited license" and to practice as a Michigan Limited License Psychologist. Applications are made through the Board of Examiners, Psychology Licensing Board, in Lansing, Michigan. The program meets all of the requisite educational requirements. Of note, after graduation, all individuals seeking a limited license to practice psychology in the state of Michigan are required to pass the Examination for Practice of Professional Psychology (EPPP).

## Assistantships

Graduate assistantships provide financial support (tuition scholarships and stipend) and experiential learning experiences. Consequently, these assistantships are highly competitive. They are normally available for up to two years (four enrollment periods) subject to the recommendation of an academic department and approval of the Graduate School. Full-time assistantships provide the following benefits:

- Up to 18 credit hours of tuition per fiscal year (Tuition benefits are prorated for part-time assistantships and for G.A.s beginning their appointments after the start of the semester).
- Parking permit for selected lots, library privileges and a

- 10% discount on purchases at the University bookstore.
- Stipend (about \$9000 per year).
- Valuable teaching and research experience.

## Admission Requirements

Priority consideration will be given to applicants who meet all of the requirements for graduate degree admission status listed below:

1. Meet the Graduate School admission requirements;
2. Complete the Graduate School application (online or paper copy available);
3. Complete a Department application (available on the department website);
4. Have an undergraduate GPA of approximately 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale;
5. Have at least 20 hours in psychology, including statistics and experimental psychology;
6. Present three letters of recommendation from faculty, employers or others who can testify to the applicant's suitability for the program of study; and
7. You MAY be asked to submit a transcript of GRE scores. CURRENTLY, GRE SCORES ARE OPTIONAL.

Incomplete applications may not be considered. Credits earned under non-degree student status do not automatically apply to the requirements of the degree program.

All application materials are due in on or before FEBRUARY 1 for the next Fall semester. There are no admissions to degree programs in the winter and summer sessions.

## How to Apply

Visit [emich.edu/psychology/programs/ms\\_gc.php](http://emich.edu/psychology/programs/ms_gc.php) for department application materials and full instructions.

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