

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology Application Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
2. Official bachelor's degree transcript. Additional transcripts may be required to verify prerequisites
3. Official Master's degree transcript – if applicable, master's degree not required
4. Minimum GPA of 3.0
5. Prerequisites (completed with a "C" or better before starting the program)
 - Statistics
 - Research Methods in Psychology (with SPSS)
 - Abnormal Psychology
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Theories of Personality
 - Theories of Psychotherapy or Counseling
6. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test Scores (Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, Analytical Writing), dated within the last year
7. Four professional recommendations (three from faculty and one from a prior supervisor in a work setting; no peer recommendations will be accepted), dated within the last year
8. Professional essay in APA format, answering the following specific items:
 - Your decision to pursue a doctoral degree in clinical psychology, including the reasons for this pursuit, important life experiences that have led you to the field, and why you believe you will be a good fit for the CBU PsyD Program
 - The ways in which your academic background has prepared you for doctoral studies in clinical psychology, including the practicum sequence, research sequence, dissertation process, clinical competency exam, and professional licensure upon graduation
 - Some of the challenges you anticipate facing in a doctoral program in clinical psychology, including how you expect to overcome these struggles
 - Your views on cultural diversity, including how you intend to effectively, competently, and ethically work with clients from a variety of backgrounds with differing worldviews
 - Your views on faith integration—combining the Christian faith with psychological science when working with Christian clients—including your reactions to the importance that the CBU PsyD Program places on this competency area in its coursework
 - An example of a worldview conflict between yourself and a potential client (e.g., working with a client who lives his or her life in a way that is inconsistent with your own faith tradition), including how you might go about resolving such a source of tension
 - Your views on possibly relocating out of state for the fifth-year internship in order to secure an APA-accredited internship placement, including how you might prepare for such a major life transition
 - Your 10-year plan, including what you see yourself doing in the field of clinical psychology after licensure
9. Current resume documenting all related professional and extracurricular experiences
10. Successful completion of the interview process, including an interview with the Director of the Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology Program

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