

**DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON  
COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY PHD PROGRAM  
APPLYING FOR FALL 2017 - APPLICATION INFORMATION**

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**The Department of Counseling Psychology** is primarily a graduate department with an instructional program offering the master's degree (M.S.) in counseling and the doctoral degree (Ph.D.) in counseling psychology. Although several CP courses are offered for undergraduate credit, it is not possible to acquire an undergraduate major or bachelor's degree in counseling psychology or counseling. The master's and doctoral programs are intended to provide a closely- integrated didactic experiential curriculum for the preparation of counseling professionals.

The doctoral degree, consistent with the APA's scientist-practitioner model of training, emphasizes the integration of counseling and psychological theory and practice with substantive development of research skills in the domains encompassed by counseling psychology. The department emphasizes the integration of multiculturalism, diversity, and social justice issues into counseling psychology and is committed to multiculturalism broadly-defined in teaching, research, and practice.

**Application Procedure**

Admissions for the Department of Counseling Psychology is an applicant-monitored process. The applicant is responsible for collecting, assembling and submitting all the pieces of the application by the deadline. All materials must be received by the Graduate School Psychology by the deadline. Ph.D. Deadline: December 1, 2016. It is recommended that you submit your information to the Graduate School at least one week before the departmental deadline to allow for processing time. Ph.D. applications are accepted from early September 2016 to **December 1, 2016**. No exceptions are made for the application deadline.

**Important** – You can apply for a maximum of 3 graduate programs on the same graduate school application. Individuals applying for the Counseling Psychology PhD program will not be considered for the Counseling MS program, unless they indicate that they are also applying for the Counseling MS program on their application.

**Instructions for Graduate School Application**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION:** Apply on-line to the Graduate School at: <https://www.gradsch.wisc.edu/eapp/eapp.pl>. Submit your application fee to the Graduate School. The Graduate School will provide a copy of your application to the Department. The Department will not review an application if the Graduate School does not receive the application fee. Again, it is recommended that you submit your application to the Graduate School at least one week before the department deadline to allow for processing time.

Choose the correct program: **Counseling Psychology PhD** on the Graduate School application

If you wish to be considered for the Counseling MS program, you must also indicate you are applying for the Counseling MS program

Those currently in UW-Madison Graduate School who wish to change majors should contact the Counseling Psychology Student Services Coordinator at 608-262-4807.

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION:**

Identify which track you are applying for (Post-BA or Post-MA) {dropdown menu}

Upload a brief justification for your eligibility for either the Post-BA or Post-MA track {upload pdf}

Upload a document describing any relevant research experience {upload pdf}

Describe any teaching experience {fill in text box}

Describe any supervised counseling practicum or internship experiences {fill in text box}

Describe any other relevant professional experience {fill in text box}

List any major competitive honors, awards, and/or fellowships you have received {fill in text box}

Provide reference to any academic/research publications, journal articles, etc. {fill in text box}

List all professional affiliations and identify dates of affiliation as appropriate {fill in text box}

Upload a list of Graduate coursework in Counseling/Counselor Education/Counseling Psychology {upload pdf}

Upload a list of Graduate coursework in Measurement & Statistics {upload pdf}

Upload a list of Graduate coursework in Psychological Foundations {upload pdf}

If applying for Post-BA program:

Upload a list of Undergraduate coursework in Social and Cultural Foundations {upload pdf}

Upload a list of Undergraduate coursework in Measurement & Statistics {upload pdf}

If you are also applying to the Counseling MS program, you must complete the supplemental application for the Counseling MS program.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** Submit electronically with the Graduate School application. **All transcripts** from each post-secondary institution attended. **PDF copies** of transcripts should be uploaded to the application. Upon admission, applicants must submit official transcripts before admission is finalized. **DO NOT** have official transcripts mailed to the department or the Graduate School prior to notification of admission by the Graduate School.

**GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION REPORT (GRE):** The general GRE examination (verbal, quantitative, and analytical) is required. The date of the exam must be within the past five years to be acceptable. Scores of admitted students usually are above 150 on each portion of the exam. There are no set cut-off scores used by the Department and some applicants are admitted with scores that fall below this score based on other qualifications. Scores are considered in conjunction with all other materials submitted. The Subject test in Psychology is optional. It is recommended the exam be taken no later than November 1st for PhD applicants as it can take up to 4 weeks for the university to receive the exam scores and upload them to your application

**Test OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL):** Applicants whose native language and/or official language of instruction at the undergraduate level is not English are required to submit an official TOEFL test score prior to admission. Applicants with degrees from an accredited American college/university or who have successfully completed two full-time semesters of graduate work in a U.S. college/university within the last seven years are exempt. The minimum TOEFL score is 92 for the Internet exam. Depending on your score, you may need to register for a recommended **English as a Second Language (ESL)** course(s) in the first semester you are enrolled. The date of the exam must be within the past two years to be acceptable.

Both the GRE and TOEFL are administered by Education Testing Service (ETS). The GRE and TOEFL scores are to be sent directly from ETS to the Graduate School Electronically. The Institutional Code for the University of Wisconsin—Madison is **1846**. A department code is not needed.

**REASONS FOR GRADUATE STUDY:** Submit electronically with Graduate School application {upload pdf}. Write a statement (1-3 single spaced pages) about (a) your reasons for graduate study that includes your purposes and goals for graduate training, (b) your interest in UW's Counseling Psychology program that includes your interests and experiences in multiculturalism, diversity, and social justice issues, and (c) your future professional goals. Be sure that the name of the file that is uploaded contains your last name.

**RESUME OR CV:** Submit electronically with the Graduate School application {upload pdf}. Upload a current resume or CV outlining your academic, volunteer, teaching, and/or research experience.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Recommenders must submit letters electronically with the Graduate School Application. Minimum of **3** letters of recommendation which address your qualifications to successfully pursue graduate study; your human relations skills; your research, teaching, and leadership experiences; and your professional competence are required. Your letters from references should give a complete review as possible of your capabilities. Letters should be from academic personnel and work supervisors. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all letters of recommendation are submitted and received by the deadline.

The applicant is responsible for collecting, assembling, and submitting all the pieces of the application by the deadline. Applicants should submit their materials in electronic form (i.e., admissions essays, demographic information, and letters of recommendation), although we realize that academic transcripts may not be available in electronic form and, consequently, may need to be submitted in paper form.

**You will receive an email from the Graduate School's Office of Admissions containing a unique URL and campus ID number to track the progress of your application, receipt of fee and test scores, and demographic information.**

### **THE SELECTION PROCESS:**

The Department receives approximately 150 Ph.D. applications and admits about 7-10 doctoral students per year. Letters of recommendation, your goal statement, and your background and experience are all considered by the faculty in determining compatibility with program goals. GRE scores, undergraduate and graduate grade point averages are considered in conjunction with other information in the decision process. Lower GRE scores and undergraduate GPA do not necessarily disqualify applicants as the admissions committee reviews the entire application. Ph.D. applicants who are offered in-person interviews will be notified approximately December 21, 2016. Ph.D. candidates are generally expected to attend an in-person interview on January 20, 2017. Students are admitted once a year for Fall semester beginning enrollment of the same year. NOTE: There is NO Spring admission in the Department of Counseling Psychology.

### **THE Ph.D. PROGRAM IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY**

The Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association and is designed to prepare students for the role of professional psychologist, and to foster understanding of the scientific basis for practice, multicultural competence, and a social justice orientation. The theoretical orientation of the program is best described as eclectic/interpersonal. The length of the program for students entering with a Master's in the counseling field is at least five years (63 total semester credits minimum): three years (if full time) coursework plus one dissertator year and one internship year. Students without a Master's and enrolling in the Post-BA track have a year added to the program, approximately six years with four years of coursework, one year dissertator and one year on internship.

### **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Post-BA Entrance Requirements**

Undergraduate GPA demonstrating academic excellence (usually above 3.5 on a 4-point scale).

GRE scores indicate strong potential for success in a rigorous academic program.

Work, volunteer, or research experience in counseling or related fields, with one or more letters of recommendation addressing applicant's emotional maturity and developmentally appropriate helping skills.

Research experience in counseling or related fields, including McNair, SORP or SERP programs.

Note: If you have an advanced degree in another field (e.g., Educational Psychology, law, business, divinity) and lack the counseling practicum necessary for application to the post-MA PhD program, you should apply to the post-BA Ph.D. program. Students entering without a Master's degree spend an additional year completing the program (about 6 years total).

#### Post MA Entrance Requirements

M.A., M.Ed. or M.S. or Ph.D. in Counseling or a related field which includes counseling practicum experiences.

Demonstrated academic skills, (e.g., GRE, GPA in graduate and undergraduate courses)

Research experience and interests in counseling and related areas of psychology

Work, volunteer, or practicum experience in counseling or related fields, with one or more letters of recommendation addressing applicant's emotional maturity and counseling skills.

If your degree is in a field other than Counseling or Counseling Psychology, you may have to satisfy any deficiencies in master's level counseling coursework (Please refer to the Master's program core coursework listed on the department website). If there are deficiencies in these areas, the applicant may fulfill these either prior to entering the program or during their program once admitted.

Undergraduate GPA's of those admitted are usually above a 3.4/4.0 scale (3.0 minimum). Graduate GPA's are usually 3.5/4.0 scale and higher for admitted students. However, those with lower GPA's may still be admitted based on other strong qualifications.

### **Ph.D. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Ph.D. Core Courses:**

270-850 Consultation

270-890 Advanced Assessment Techniques in Counseling Psychology

270-900 Counseling Psychology Foundational Practicum (2 semesters completed in an approved site)

270-902 Counseling Psychology Practicum in Supervision (1 semester)

270-903 Counseling Psychology Advanced Practicum (2 semesters completed in an approved site)

270-905 Research Practicum (2 semesters)

270-925 Seminar in Professional Issues in Counseling Psychology

270-950 Research Methods in Counseling Psychology

270-951 Seminar: Counseling Psychology Research in Individual Intervention

270-958 Abnormal Behavior and Psychopathology

270-960 Research Methods in Counseling Psychology II

270-990 Dissertation

**Sequence of Coursework:** Typical sequences of coursework for post-BA and post-MA students are available in the *Ph.D. Handbook* on the department website: <http://www.education.wisc.edu/cp/>. The *Handbook* also explains the additional requirements for post-BA admits, which are generally completed in the first two years of doctoral study.

#### **Coursework in Basic Psychology:**

Fifteen graduate credits comprising 3 credits in each of the following areas: Social, Cognitive/Affective, Biological, Developmental, and Individual Bases of Behavior.

#### **Additional Requirements:**

Nine credits of coursework focused on data analysis, a twelve credit Minor (optional), and a one-year pre-doctoral internship.

#### **Preliminary Exam:**

The preliminary examination consists of three components: (a) a clinical case study, demonstrating competence in assessment, case conceptualization, and outcome assessment, as well as ethical and cultural issues and use of evidence-based practice; (b) a supervision case study, demonstrating competence in supervision, knowledge of theory and research on supervision, awareness of cultural and ethical issues; and (c) dissertation proposal, demonstrating expertise in content area, knowledge of research methods, and ability to contribute meaningfully to the research literature in this area. Each component includes a written document and an oral presentation, and each is evaluated by a team of faculty members. Completion of the preliminary examination is a prerequisite for application for predoctoral internship.

#### **Practica and Internship:**

In the Fall of Year 1 (Year 2 for post-BA students), each student sees one client at the department's Counseling Psychological Training Clinic (CPTC), to evaluate clinical skills and assess readiness for foundational practicum. During Year 2 (Year 3 for post-BA), students complete two semesters of foundational practicum in an approved site under the supervision of a licensed psychologist. During Year 3, students complete an advanced practicum, tailored to specific skills or settings in which they wish to gain specialized experience. In addition, students take a practicum in supervision during Year 3, during which they serve as supervisor for 2-3 first-year Master's students seeing volunteer clients. Additional clinical externships beyond the advanced practicum may be arranged with the faculty Practicum Coordinator, provided that the student is making satisfactory progress toward degree. The internship is typically completed within one calendar year on a full-time basis; however, some part-time, two-year internships are available. Most students complete an APA-accredited internship in a setting outside of Madison.

### **Research:**

The Ph.D. is a research degree and coursework emphasizes the research base of counseling psychology. Students are expected to involve themselves in faculty research throughout the program of study. During the second year, all students take 2 semesters of research practicum in which they participate on a faculty research team, working on design, data collection and analysis, and dissemination of findings (presentation or publication). All students are required to design and conduct independent research in the form of a doctoral dissertation.

**NOTE: GRADUATES OF THE PH.D. PROGRAM EARN A PH.D. IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY.**

### **ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**

**SPECIAL SERVICES:** Students with different ability statuses may obtain information about learning aids, parking, building access, housing, and library services from the McBurney Disability Resource Center, 702 W. Johnson St., Suite 2104, Madison WI 53715 [www.mcburney.wisc.edu](http://www.mcburney.wisc.edu) 608-263-2741.

**TUITION:** 2013-2014 full-time Graduate tuition rates per semester were \$5,928.80 (Resident) and \$12,592.24 (Non-resident) and may increase between 5% and 10% each year. Currently, students offered a Program, Research, or Teaching Assistantship (does not have to be in the department in which you major) will be eligible for a tuition waiver during the time of their appointment if the appointment is a minimum of 33 1/3% time. A Fellowship award through the University would also provide a tuition waiver provided the percentage is minimum of 33 1/3 rate. Residing within the state of Wisconsin with NON-student status for one year may qualify other out-of-state students for in-state tuition. Please contact the Residence for Tuition Office for further information on gaining in-state residence rate at 608-262-1355.

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**Fellowships:** A limited number of fellowships are available from the Graduate School. Information is available from the Office of Fellowships and Funding Resources at <http://uwoffr.wordpress.com/>. The Department of Counseling Psychology also has information on Fellowships. See the department's website at <http://www.education.wisc.edu/cp>. There are no specific application forms for most University Fellowships; the Department nominates entering students on the basis of their credentials included in the program application. For House Fellowships, inquiries should be made directly to the Division of Residence Halls at Slichter Hall, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI 53706 Phone 608-262-2522, web address <http://www.housing.wisc.edu>. Ethnic minority students are encouraged to apply for American Psychological Association fellowships. Applicant forms are available at the American Psychological Association Minority Program Fellowship Office, <http://www.apa.org/mfp>.

**Advanced Opportunity Fellowship (AOF):** To be eligible for AOF, a student must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident, admitted to or enrolled in a graduate department, with preference given to Wisconsin residents; and identify with one of the following groups: African American, Native American, Hispanic: Mexican Americans, Chicano/as, Puerto Ricans, Southeast Asians: Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, and Vietnamese OR McNair Students: students who participated in a McNair Program OR Wisconsin residents who are first generation to complete a Bachelors degree and who participated in a TRIO Program (Upward Bound, Talent Search, Educational). The Graduate School administers this fellowship. AOF stipends were approximately \$15,000 for the 2013-2014 academic year (9 mos.) with remission of tuition (Fall and Spring semesters) and health insurance. Both M.S. and Ph.D. applicants are eligible for the AOF. More information about AOFs can be found through the Graduate School website: <http://www.grad.wisc.edu/education/funding/aofelig.html>.

**Assistantships:** The Department of Counseling Psychology has a limited number of Teaching Assistantships. These are announced in April to entering and continuing Doctoral students. Master's students are encouraged to seek other forms of financial assistance as these positions are seldom offered to those at the Master's level. Other Departments on campus do offer assistantships at the Master's level and occasionally to students from outside their individual department; you may inquire to other departments directly.

**Office of Student Financial Services:** Information and application materials for Financial aid, loans, scholarships, and student employment may be obtained by contacting the Office of Student Financial Aid at 333 East Campus Mall; Room 9701, Madison, WI 53706 608-262-3060, <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu>. International applicants are encouraged to seek other forms of financial assistance as international students are not eligible for loans and scholarships.

## **2016-2017 COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT FACULTY**

### **STEPHANIE BUDGE, Assistant Professor**

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin—Madison; Licensed Psychologist; research interests in coping and emotional processes of LGBT individuals, intersectionality, privilege, resilience, and psychotherapy process and outcome.

### **ALBERTA M. GLORIA, Professor & Co-Director of Training, Ph.D. Program**

Ph.D. Arizona State University; interests in psychosociocultural processes of racial and ethnic minorities in higher education, academic persistence and educational wellness of undergraduates, applied psychology training of racial and ethnic minority graduate students.

### **STEPHANIE GRAHAM, Clinical Associate Professor**

Ph.D. Auburn University; Licensed Psychologist; Counseling Psychology Training Clinic Director; interests in gender and sexual identity development and counseling competencies with LGBTQ clients, supervision, and couple counseling.

**WILLIAM T. HOYT, Professor & Department Chair**

Ph.D. Virginia Commonwealth University; Licensed Psychologist; research interests in social perception processes, interpersonal determinants of psychological well-being, research methods.

**CORISSA C. LOTTA, Faculty Associate**

Ph.D. Arizona State; interests in gifted & talented/creativity, counselor training, communication training (particularly in non-counseling fields), at-risk youth, and diversity/women's issues.

**STEPHEN M. QUINTANA, Professor & Co-Director of Training, MS Program**

Ph.D. University of Notre Dame; interests in ethnic issues in development, counseling, and education, and ethnic perspective-taking ability in children.

**MINDI N. THOMPSON, Associate Professor & Co-Director of Training, Ph.D. Program**

Ph.D. University of Akron; Licensed Psychologist; interests in vocational development for individuals from diverse groups, social class and social status identity, poverty and psychotherapy.

**LYNET UTTAL, Professor**

Ph.D. Sociology University of California-Santa Cruz. Sociologist. MSW University of Southern California. Licensed Advanced Practice Social Worker. Community based research and education programs; biculturalism and adaptation processes of immigrant and refugee families and individuals; community and clinical social work practice and theory; clinical practice with clients with interpreters.

**CARMEN R. VALDEZ, Associate Professor & Co-Director of Training, MS Program**

Ph.D. University of Texas at Austin; Licensed Psychologist; interests in depression, family functioning, and child coping; community-based interventions with underserved families.

**TRAVIS WRIGHT, Assistant Professor**

Ed.D. Harvard University; Licensed Professional Counselor; research interests in resilience and coping processes of young children and families experiencing homelessness, trauma, and other forms of chronic stress; LGBTQ identity development; school-based counseling; early childhood education; qualitative methodologies.

For information about the accreditation status of the Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology contact:

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**Note: The *Graduate School Catalog* is available on line at: <http://grad.wisc.edu/catalog/index.htm>**

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