The Department of Counseling Psychology (CP) offers a PhD program in Counseling Psychology that is accredited by the American Psychological Association and an MS program in Counseling that meets licensure requirements in the state of Wisconsin. Starting in fall 2019, we will collaborate, along with two other health-area departments in the School of Education, in a new undergraduate major in Health Promotion and Health Equity. (The HPHE major will be housed in the Department of Kinesiology.) 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 by the deadline, December 1, 2019.** 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 2019 to December 1, 2019. 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://grad.wisc.edu/apply/](https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/). 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 applying to the Post-BA program and would also like to apply to the Counseling MS program, you must complete the supplemental application for the Counseling MS program.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** Submit a PDF copy (can be unofficial) with your electronic application. We require this copy for each post-secondary institution attended. If you are recommended for admission, the Graduate School will contact you with instructions for submitting an official copy of your transcripts. **DO NOT submit official transcripts to the department, or to the Graduate School prior to notification of admission.**
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. There are no set minimum scores required by the Department. GRE scores are taken into consideration along 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. Additional relevant information can also be provided.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Recommenders must submit letters electronically through the Graduate School Application system. We require a 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. Your letters from references should give as complete a 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 all materials in electronic 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 5-7 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 by the end of December 2019, and will be strongly encouraged to attend the in-person interview day on January 24, 2020. 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 will require an additional year to attain the degree, which takes approximately six years, including four years of coursework, one dissertator year, and one year of predoctoral internship.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
Post-BA Entrance Requirements
- Undergraduate GPA demonstrating academic excellence (usually above 3.5 on a 4-point scale).
- GRE scores which indicate strong potential for success in a rigorous graduate program.
- Undergraduate coursework which includes an introductory psychology course and an introductory statistics course. In a few cases, applicants may be admitted with a deficiency which will need to be fulfilled during the first year of study.
- 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 in counseling or a related field 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 a counseling internship.
- Undergraduate coursework which includes an introductory psychology course and an introductory statistics course. In a few cases, applicants may be admitted with a deficiency which will need to be fulfilled during the first year of study.
- Graduate and undergraduate GPA demonstrating academic excellence (usually above 3.5 on a 4-point scale).
- GRE scores which indicate strong potential for success in a rigorous graduate program.
- Research experience and interests in counseling and related areas of psychology
- Internship experience and other work and/or volunteer experience in counseling or related fields, with 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 GPAs of those admitted are usually above a 3.5/4.0 scale (3.0 minimum). Graduate GPAs are usually above 3.75/4.0 scale. Applicants with lower GPAs may wish to offer other evidence of preparation for graduate study.

**Academic, practicum/internship, and research requirements for the PhD program are available by viewing the latest version of the PhD Handbook, available online at**

[https://counselingpsych.education.wisc.edu/cp/phd-program/phd-handbook](https://counselingpsych.education.wisc.edu/cp/phd-program/phd-handbook).

**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:** Current graduate tuition rates can be found on the Bursar’s website at [https://bursar.wisc.edu/tuition-and-fees](https://bursar.wisc.edu/tuition-and-fees). 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%. 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. See the department’s website at [http://counselingpsych.education.wisc.edu/cp/phd-program/funding](https://counselingpsych.education.wisc.edu/cp/phd-program/funding) for more information. 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, information can be found at [https://www.housing.wisc.edu/residence-halls/life/staff/](https://www.housing.wisc.edu/residence-halls/life/staff/). 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/npf](http://www.apa.org/npf).

**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 American, Chicano/a, Puerto Rican, Southeast Asian (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 through Graduate Research Scholar Communities (GRS). AOF stipends are approximately $20,864 for the 2018-2019 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 at [https://grad.wisc.edu/currentstudents/academics/grs](https://grad.wisc.edu/currentstudents/academics/grs/).

**Assistantships:** The Department of Counseling Psychology has a limited number of Teaching Assistantships. These are announced in April to entering and continuing doctoral students. Many doctoral students also seek funding in other university departments. Positions are posted on the university jobs site at [https://jobcenter.wisc.edu/jobs/categoryBrowse/Graduate%20Assistant%20(Research,%20Teaching)](https://jobcenter.wisc.edu/jobs/categoryBrowse/Graduate%20Assistant%20(Research,%20Teaching)).

**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.tofaid.wisc.edu](http://www.tofaid.wisc.edu). International applicants are encouraged to seek other forms of financial assistance as international students are not eligible for loans and scholarships.
STEPHANIE BUDGE, Associate 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.

NICKOLAS D. FROST, Assistant Professor
Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison; interests in psychotherapy process and outcomes, placebo effects, hope, research methods, health disparities.

ALBERTA M. GLORIA, Professor (on sabbatical for 19-20)
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.

SIMON B. GOLDBERG, Assistant Professor
Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison; research interests in psychotherapy process and outcome, therapist contributions to treatment outcome, mindfulness and meditation-based interventions, military veteran mental health, quantitative research methods.

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
Ph.D. Virginia Commonwealth University; Licensed Psychologist; research interests in psychotherapy process and outcome, therapist competence, 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.

SAMUEL D. LUSTGARTEN, Clinical Assistant Professor
Ph.D. University of Iowa; interested in the intersections of technology and psychology, informed consent processes, provision of services via individual and group therapy modalities, and care for those coping with grief and loss.

STEPHEN M. QUINTANA, Professor & Department Chair
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 & 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.

TRAVIS WRIGHT, Associate Professor & Director of Training, M.S. Program
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; LBGTQ 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 Guide is available on line at: http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/

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