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in

Clinical Psychology

San José State University



Overview of Our Program

The MS Clinical Program at SJSU is designed to provide graduate students with both theoretical and practical training in evidence-based assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of a wide variety of individual and family mental health problems. The MS program is fully accredited and allows students to meet the educational requirements for California State licensure as a Marriage Family Therapist.

Your Objectives and Our Program

- **To become a Marriage Family Therapist**

The coursework and experience obtained in the MS Clinical Program is designed to meet the educational requirements for MFT licensing in California, the Masters level psychotherapist.

- **To become a skilled clinician**

Our program emphasis is on development of clinical procedures and techniques, the integration of assessment into practice, and evaluation of the empirical literature produces high quality graduates and excellent masters level clinicians.

- **To deliver services to persons in need**

Graduates of our program possess both the degree and the experience necessary for helping clinical populations in need of quality service at community and county mental health agencies, in school settings, and other health care systems.

Where do Our Graduates Gain Employment?

- Downtown Mental Health (County)
- Drug Treatment Court (County)
- Asian Americans for Community Involvement
- Family and Children Services
- Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital
- Comprehensive Assessment Center at Gardner Family Care
- Private practice setting
- Family and Children Services (Compadres program)
- Adolescent Counseling Services (Caravan House)
- Las Plumas Mental Health
- Fair Exchange Program (school based program)

Mastering Your Future as a Psychotherapist

Quick Facts

The MS Clinical Program is a 50 unit graduate program. We currently are only accepting students into our full time track. The Full time track can be completed in 2 years. Time after graduation to licensing is typically 2 years.

We do not require adherence to any one therapy or philosophy. We train our students to approach clinical problems from a complex and empirically supported knowledge base consistent with the principles of Evidence Based Practice of Psychotherapy. Our goal is to prepare students to conceptualize, diagnose, and treat cases in a variety of practice settings. We do not explicitly train students only for private practice.

Graduates of this program demonstrate a basic familiarity with the major approaches to assessment, diagnosis, and treatment, a respect for cultural diversity, and accountability for service delivery. Our graduates have the ability to read and critically evaluate the literature in the field and achieve a basic level of proficiency within at least one psychotherapeutic approach.

Our ideal graduate is broadly educated, critically minded, and has the ability to ethically apply theory to practice in a diverse and changing community.

Quick Stats

- **Number of students in the program (2010-11): 16**
Full time students: 16 (100%)
- **Number of applications for Fall 2010: 72**
Students accepted for Fall 09: 8 (11% of total)
Number full time students entering: 8
- **Average entering GPAs for 2010**
Psychology coursework: 3.73
Last 2 years of coursework: 3.79
- **Graduating class size for 2009: 12**

Specific Course Requirements

PSYC 203	Clinical Assessment
PSYC 208	Family Assessment and Intervention Techniques
PSYC 209	Seminar in the Modern Family
PSYC 210	Advanced Adult Psychopathology
PSYC 211	Advanced Child Psychopathology
PSYC 222	Gender and Ethnic Issues in Counseling and Psychotherapy
PSYC 223	Clinical Psychology Theory (2 semesters)
PSYC 224	Clinical Psychology Practicum (2 semesters)
PSYC 228	Professional Ethics for Psychologists
PSYC 232	Psychopharmacology
PSYC 243	Fieldwork (2 semesters)
PSYC 258	Methods of Psychotherapy/Counseling Procedures
PSYC 291	Methods and Design for Applied Research
PSYC 295	Current Issues (Substance Abuse, Human Sexuality, Lifespan)

MS Clinical Program Degree Requirements

3.0 GPA Minimum 3.0 GPA last 2 years of coursework (60 semester or 90 quarter units) *AND* Minimum 3.0 GPA Psychology coursework

BA or BS in Psychology *OR* any BA/BS degree *AND* 30 semester units in Psychology

Six Prerequisite Courses (part of above coursework)
- 4 *lower division courses*: Introduction to Psychology, Elementary Statistics, Research Methods, Psychobiology
- 2 *upper division courses*: Abnormal Psychology, Theory and Methods of Counseling (or equivalent)

Applied Clinical Experience minimum 100 hours and 1 year experience working with clinical populations (100 hours must be completed prior to applying; 1 year must be completed before beginning the program)

Three Letters of Recommendation
One must be from a supervisor from your applied clinical experience

Meet all SJSU University graduate admissions requirements

How To Apply

Two Separate applications must be submitted to the Department and the University. Departmental applications are accepted for the Fall semester only and can be obtained online.

To be eligible, you must:

1. Submit a university graduate application and meet the University Graduate Studies admissions requirements (visit <http://www.sjsu.edu/gradstudies/>).
2. Submit the MS Clinical Psychology Program Application to the Psychology Department
3. Submit all application material (i.e., Statement of Purpose, Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation) by posted deadlines (January 15, each year)

For more information and application materials, please visit our web site at www.sjsu.edu/psych/GraduatePrograms/clinicalpsych or call 408.924.5600 (PST).



Why San Jose State University?

San José State University, located in the Silicon Valley, offers students the excitement of studying at a large metropolitan campus where many cultures meet.

Students in the MS Clinical program represent the diversity of this area. Of our current 16 students, 68% of are Caucasian/ White/European, 19% are Asian/Pacific Islander/Middle Eastern, and 13% are Hispanic/ Latino. Currently, 80% of our students are women and 20% are men.

Typically there are only 8-12 students in each classroom. The ratio of students to clinical faculty is currently 4 students for each faculty member.

The cost of tuition for graduate study at SJSU continues to be among the lowest available in the country.

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