MASTER OF ARTS
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
WHEREEVER YOU ARE, YOU’RE ON CAMPUS
Located in Barbourville and founded in 1879, Union College is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and is recognized as an important part of southeastern Kentucky’s rich history and impressive landscape. Home of the Bulldogs, Union is a private, liberal arts institution comprising of undergraduate and graduate programs, plus a new school of nursing and online learning opportunities. Union supports a diverse academic environment for nearly 1200 students built upon a liberal arts foundation and integration of higher order thinking into all learning opportunities. Union is grounded by four pillars that define our focus as an academic institution: service to each other and our communities; our Appalachian culture and heritage; our core affiliation with Methodism and the liberal arts academic experience.

Today, the Union College online programs have expanded educational opportunities for citizens of the region and beyond. The graduate program, established over 50 years ago, offers advanced degrees and certificate programs in education and psychology, providing students with the skills necessary to compete in a diverse job market.

Union is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as to award degrees at baccalaureate and master’s levels.

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OVERVIEW

The specialization in Clinical Psychology provides the opportunity for the student to understand, evaluate and counsel persons with psychological problems, and to draw upon community resources for assistance in working with these persons. During completion of the 48-hour degree, which includes approved practica, the student is provided the opportunity to administer psychological tests and use various techniques of counseling and psychotherapy. Students who complete all requirements in the clinical area, and who become licensed, often work in psychiatric hospitals, prisons, in mental health centers, or with doctoral-level psychologists in private practice.

The Master’s degree plan fulfills the educational requirements and prepares students for the successful passing of the Examination in Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) in order to qualify for the Licensed Psychological Associate licensure from the Kentucky State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

Additionally students should also be aware that psychology licensing can vary from state to state, and thus are encouraged to make sure they are aware of these different qualifications should they decide to practice outside of the state of Kentucky. Complete information may be found at the official website of the Kentucky State Board of Examiners of Psychology, available at: http://psy.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx

The instructors are friendly and inviting, and small class size allows for a personal learning environment. You are always welcome to visit campus and meet with your professors face-to-face, or meet with any other campus persons you need to. We want your experience in Union graduate school to be the best it can be, and hope to see you soon!
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OFFERED TO THE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT INCLUDE:

Intensive training in clinical assessment, including intelligence tests, personality evaluations, and assessments regarding developmental disabilities.

The possibility for a variety of guided practicum opportunities, such as community mental health, school based programs, private practice, hospitals, and government agencies.

Class schedules to fit the working professionals needs (the majority being evening & online courses with the exception of practica).

Faculty supervision for each practicum limited to a 1 to 5 ratio offering intensive training and feedback on therapeutic skill development and documentation procedures.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY ENDORSEMENT

The Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology degree program is a 48 credit hour program designed to develop competent, effective Master’s-level practitioners and involves training in the delivery of psychological services for a variety of clinical settings. All course work will fulfill the requirements for licensure in Kentucky. An additional 12 credit hour Clinical Endorsement may be obtained for those wishing to meet licensure standards in Kentucky at the “Psychological Practitioner” level. The program in Clinical Counseling will fulfill the course requirements for licensure in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and a variety of other states. (Students outside these states should check with their state licensing board for specific licensing requirements in their state).

PROGRAM COURSES

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (28 HOURS)

GRST 501-Introduction to Psychology Graduate Studies (1)
PSYH 502-Theories of Counseling & Psychotherapy (3)
PSYH 511-Advanced Developmental Psychology (3)
PSYH 512-Statistics for Mental Health Professionals (3)
PSYH 515-Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods (3)
PSYH 520-Advanced Psychopathology (3)
PSYH 575-Advanced Behavioral Neuroscience (3)
PSYH 592-Social & Community Psychology (3)
PSYH 660-Ethics & Professional Practice (3)
PSYH 665-Diagnosis & Treatment Planning (3)

CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSES (18 HOURS)

PSYH /COUN 503-Techniques of Counseling & Psychotherapy (3)
PSYH 651-Emotion, Motivation, & Cognition (3)
PSYH 670-Clinical Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (3)
PSYH 675-Clinical Assessment of Emotional/Psych Func (3)
PSYH/COUN 688-Practicum in Counseling/Psychotherapy (3)
PSYH /COUN 689-Practicum in Assessment (3)

ELECTIVE COURSES (SELECT 3 HOURS)

PSYH 590-Advanced Forensic Psychology (3)
PSYH 605-Health Psychology (3)
COUN 625-Theories of Career Counseling & Development (3)
PSYH 640-Group Dynamics (3)
PSYH/COUN 645-Group Counseling & Psychotherapy (3)
PSYH 655-Multicultural & Diversity Issues (3)

ENDORSEMENT COURSES

REQUIRED COURSES (6 HOURS)

PSYH 510-Psychology of Addiction (3)
PSYH 590-Advanced Forensic Psychology (3)
PSYH 655-Multicultural & Diversity Issues (3)

ELECTIVE COURSES (6 HOURS)

PSYH 560-Theories of Personality (3)
PSYH/COUN 690-Internship I (3)
PSYH/COUN 691-Internship II (3)
THINKING AHEAD MEANS THINKING BIG
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Descriptions and requirements subject to change

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (28 HOURS)

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDIES

GRST 501. 1 credit hour.

A course designed to introduce students to Psychology Graduate Study at Union College. Students will complete entrance writing exercise and receive training in MyUnion and webmail.

THEORIES OF COUNSELING & PSYCHOTHERAPY

PSYH 502. 3 credit hours.

A comprehensive review of fundamental concepts in personality theories and their applications to counseling and psychopathology, with special focus on explicating the relationship between theory and practice. Key elements, and concepts; identifying the strengths and limitations of each of the major theories, as well as commonalities and divergences among them. The course will help students formulate an initial personal theory of counseling from which to build as they evolve through the program.

ADVANCED DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

PSYH 511. 3 credits hours.

An intensive exploration of the current state of research and theory as applied to human development across the lifespan. Although this course outlines the latest findings on developmental changes that occur from birth to eighteen, strongest emphasis will be placed upon adult development and changes that are a product of the aging processes. Developmental issues germane to counseling will be emphasized, along with in-depth discussions of developmental research from primary source material.

STATISTICS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

PSYH 512. 3 credit hours.

This course examines descriptive and inferential statistics with the emphasis on understanding fundamental concepts and applying data-analytic techniques to psychological studies and mental health literature. Students will gain the knowledge necessary for conducting psychological research activities, reviewing the literature, and understanding statistical tests and data analysis.

QUANTITATIVE & QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHOD

PSYH 515. 3 credit hours.

The intention of this course is to expand knowledge of the principles of research design across the range of major psychological research strategies, including both qualitative and quantitative methods. It aims to develop understanding of the intrinsic strengths and weaknesses of diverse investigative strategies in psychological inquiry, facilitate educated and analytical appraisal of empirical social science literature, and afford basic knowledge of applying various methodological strategies in research projects.

ADVANCED PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

PSYH 520. 3 credit hours.

This course involves an examination of current issues related to the classification and diagnosis of abnormal behavior and psychological states. Dimensional, descriptive, and categorical approaches to classification are reviewed, with emphasis on the current forms of adult psychopathology found in the DSM. Topics include the symptomatology, etiology, developmental patterns, and treatment approaches to various diagnostic categories.

ADVANCED BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

PSYH 575. 3 credit hours.

This course provides an in-depth examination of the biochemical, neuro-anatomical, and physiological bases of human and animal behaviors such as sensory-perception, motor function, language, learning, memory and emotion.

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY

PSYH 592. 3 credit hours.

This course provides an understanding of human behavior as a function of social and cultural factors. Social psychology topics covered include social influence theory, attitude formation and change, social cognition, interpersonal perception, obedience and conformity, altruism, aggression, and stereotyping. The influence of factors such as cultural, racial, gender, and age differences on clinical practice is discussed.
**ETHICS & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

**PSYH 660. 3 credit hours.**

This course is intended for students enrolled in the graduate psychology program. The content of the course includes ethical standards and values for guiding the professional practice of persons working in the field of mental health. The emphasis will be on ethical principles, code of conduct, and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

**DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT PLANNING**

**PSYH 665. 3 credit hours.**

This course is a survey of the specific criteria required for proper diagnosing of mental disorders and proper treatment planning. Upon completion of the course, students will have the ability to make accurate provisional five axis diagnoses using DSM-IV-TR criteria and be competent in applying a variety of related treatment planning tasks.

**CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSES (18 HOURS)**

**TECHNIQUES OF COUNSELING & PSYCHOTHERAPY**

**PSYH /COUN 503. 3 credit hours.**

Intensive focus on the development of individual counseling skills through readings, discussion, experiential exercises, and feedback on skill development. Reviews of videotaped interviews enhance self-observation skills and understanding of therapeutic process. Prerequisites: PSYH 502 & 520. Cross-listed as COUN 503.

**CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF EMOTIONAL/ PSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING**

**PSYH 675. 3 credit hours.**

The course examines and compares various methods of personality assessment of adolescents and adults, including standardized tests, behavioral analyses, and interview techniques. Students are given practical experience using the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI), an projective techniques, among other contemporary instruments. Prerequisite: Candidacy in the M.A. Psychology Program.

**EMOTION, MOTIVATION, & COGNITION**

**PSYH 651. 3 credit hours.**

The course is meant to contribute to the graduate student’s knowledge required for obtaining a license as a clinical psychologist. It is focused on understanding the interplay between emotion, motivation, and cognition, and using it to help people improve their emotional self-regulation, motivation, cognitive restructuring, and behavioral adjustment.

**PRACTICUM IN COUNSELING/ PSYCHOTHERAPY**

**PSYH/COUN 688. 3 credit hours.**

This course is designed to provide students with a supervised clinical practice experience and meet the requirements for licensure in the state of Kentucky. Students should contact their advisors early in their programs to arrange for placement and ascertain their required hours and supervision needs. This course must be taken near the end of the student’s graduate coursework. Prerequisites: Candidacy in the M.A. Psychology Program; PSYH 660 or an approved course in professional ethics; approval of psychology department. Formerly PSYH 550. Cross-listed as COUN 688.

**CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF INTELLECTUAL FUNCTIONING**

**PSYH 670. 3 credit hours.**

Covers the development, administration, scoring, and interpretation of the most commonly used intelligence and achievement tests in psychological assessment. It includes coverage of the various Wechsler Scales, Stanford-Binet, DAS, WIAT, Woodcock-Johnson Battery, various measures of adaptive behavior, and other related tests of interest. Prerequisite: Candidacy in the M.A. Psychology Program.
PRACTICUM IN ASSESSMENT

PSYH/COUN 689. 3 credit hours.

This course is designed to provide clinical students with skills in the administration, scoring, interpretation, and integration of several major psychological assessment instruments currently used in clinical practice with adults and children. Supervised, practical experience assessing adults or children in clinical settings is the focus of this course. Emphasis is placed on the integration of assessment data and report writing. There will also be discussions of current issues in clinical assessment. Prerequisites: Candidacy in the M.A. Psychology Program; PSYH 660 or an approved course in professional ethics; clinical assessment courses as required for the program. Formerly PSYH 679. Cross-listed as COUN 689.

ELECTIVE COURSES (3 HOURS)

ADVANCED FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

PSYH 590. 3 credit hours.

Students will gain practical experience through information disseminated regarding being an expert witness, writing forensic evaluations, and general interactions with the courts. Through lectures, readings, review of case law and term papers students will gain both a theoretical and practical understanding of criminal and civil forensic psychology practice. At the end of the course, students and guardianship evaluations, the ethical issues involved in forensic psychological evaluation and practice, and the research foundational in forensic practice.

HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

PSYH 605. 3 credit hours.

This course overviews key theoretical concepts in health psychology, the multidisciplinary field that integrates biomedical and psychological knowledge to address a range of factors influencing physical and mental health. Common conditions in which biopsychosocial factors contribute to the underlying pathophysiology, disease course, or the individual’s capacity for coping will be discussed.

THEORIES OF CAREER COUNSELING & DEVELOPMENT

COUN 625. 3 credit hours.

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of career development as it impacts on individuals throughout the life span. Emphasis is placed on career and vocational choice theories, current approaches to career development planning and placement, and social and psychological factors in career decision-making. A great deal of emphasis is placed on practical applications of career theory to school counseling, individual counseling, group guidance, job search and placement, and career adjustment.

GROUP DYNAMICS

PSYH 640. 3 credit hours.

This course presents a rationale for moving to group procedure. It provides a basis for the understanding of group structure, group topology and group dynamics. It explores group processes.

GROUP COUNSELING & PSYCHOTHERAPY

PSYH/COUN 645. 3 credit hours.

This course is a conceptual and experiential introduction to group dynamics, group counseling approaches and models, issues of group leadership, and group facilitation skills. Consideration is given to the goals of group counseling, composition, phases, and research. Includes group counselor orientations and behaviors, appropriate selection criteria and methods, and methods of evaluation of effectiveness. Cross-listed as COUN 645.

MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY ISSUES

PSYH 655. 3 credit hours.

This course provides the opportunity for counselors and clinicians to strengthen their multicultural awareness, knowledge, and skills in the competencies necessary to effectively evaluate and treat culturally and ethnically diverse clients. Students will be able to develop an awareness of the prevalent beliefs and attitudes of different cultures, and to develop skills useful for appropriate interactions with diverse individuals.
ENDORSEMENT CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (LLP) (12 HOURS) - REQUIRED COURSES (6 HOURS)

PSYCHOLOGY OF ADDICTION

PSYH 510. 3 credit hours.
Major emphasis on factors determining the development of addictions, including physiological, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral dimensions of the addictive process. Also emphasizes intervention and treatment strategies for the various types of chemical dependency and substance abuse.

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THEORIES OF PERSONALITY

PSYH 560. 3 credit hours.
This course is a systematic survey of the major theories of personality. Personality theories from the psychoanalytic, behavioral, phenomenological-existential, trait-factor and social learning traditions are presented and contrasted. The fundamental assumptions, nature of development, and individual variability of personality are presented for each outlook.

INTERNSHIP I

PSYH/COUN 690. 3 credit hours.
This course requires completion of a supervised internship for students in the Counseling Psychology program. These courses are taken over two consecutive semesters, with two registrations (PSYH 690 and PSYH 691). These courses are intended to provide students with a comprehensive work experience of a professional counselor. Prerequisite: Candidacy in the M.A. Psychology Program. Cross-listed as COUN 690.

INTERNSHIP II

PSYH/COUN 691. 3 credit hours.
This course completes the internship requirements for students in the Counseling Psychology program. Prerequisites: PSYH 690 and Candidacy in the M.A. Psychology Program. Cross-listed as COUN 691.
CONTINUING WORK AND LIFE
FAQs

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

- Your enrollment counselor will guide you through the entire process: gradpsych@unionky.edu or 606.546.1277
- If you’re ready to apply, the document can be accessed at www.unionky.edu/gradpsych

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

- Number of credit hours: 48 (plus GRST 501)
- Additional fees may apply
- Tuition:
  - $395 per credit hour
  - *Military Discount* - $263 per credit hour

**IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?**

- Yes, and you have options. Financial aid and tuition assistance may be available for those who qualify. For more information, contact your enrollment counselor: gradpsych@unionky.edu or 606.546.1277

**WHAT ARE THE COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS?**

- For this online program to run efficiently, any modern computing device (PC, tablet, phone, etc.) capable of sufficiently running a web browser and office productivity suite is acceptable

**WHAT IF I HAVE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS?**

- Our 24-hour help desk is available, along with other troubleshooting procedures you’ll be able to access anytime, anywhere

**WHAT BROWSERS WORK BEST WITH YOUR SYSTEM?**

- Any standards-supporting browser released in recent years is supported; however, Union College recommends (in order):
  - Firefox 3 or later
  - Google Chrome 4 or later
  - MS Internet Explorer 7 or later (9 preferred)
  - Safari 3 or later
  - Opera 9 or later

**ONLINE STUDY**

- To learn more about online study options, students should visit the graduate website at www.unionky.edu/grad. A graduate student seeking a M.A. in Clinical Psychology may complete a limited amount of coursework online. Students can only complete up to 49% of their program of study online

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