

Clinical Psychology @ Queens College

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When is the application deadline?

- The application deadline is typically around December 1st. The precise deadline for this year can be found [here](#).

2. How do I apply?

- Applicants can apply to the Clinical Psychology @ QC doctoral program by clicking [here](#) and following instructions to complete and submit the online application form.

3. What doctoral programs does the Graduate Center offer?

- The Graduate Center offers multiple Ph.D. programs in clinical psychology with different emphases as well as other psychology doctoral programs through different campuses.
- Prospective students may only apply to one program per year.
- Please refer [here](#) for information about other GC psychology doctoral programs.

4. Is there a minimum general and subject GRE score?

- Both the general and subject psychology GRE exams are required to apply
- There is no official minimum score, however, strong quantitative and verbal scores are expected.

5. What are the factors that contribute to a good candidate?

- A number of areas are included in interview and acceptance decisions including previous research, clinical experience, GRE scores, GPA, quality of recommendation letters, and personal statement. Preference is given to students who best fit with our program in terms of training model and match with faculty research interests.

6. Should I specify which faculty member(s) I would like to work with?

- Although students are admitted to the program in general, we strongly recommend applicants to indicate specific faculty members with whom they wish to work in their personal statements.
- Applicants are encouraged to email specific faculty members ahead of submitting applications to determine whether they are accepting students.
- Information on faculty research areas and interests as well as contact information can be found [here](#).

7. Are there funding opportunities for students?

- As of 2012, the GC established a goal of providing financial support to all entering students either in the form of Graduate Center Fellowships (based primarily on merit) or 5-year full tuition remission.
- The Graduate Center also provides federally subsidized loans via the Stafford Loan program and participates in the Federal Work-Study program.
- Students are also eligible to teach undergraduate courses at Queens College, either through a Graduate Assistant teaching fellowship or as Adjunct Instructors.
- Students who wish to teach at Queens College must successfully complete the Psychology Department's Teaching Apprenticeship Program prior to teaching. In addition to a salary (\$71.59/hour) students in years 1-6 of the program will receive in-state tuition waivers and eligibility to enroll in low cost student health insurance during the terms that they teach.

8. Do I need a Master's Degree to apply? If I have a Master's Degree from another university does that help in any way?

- A Master's Degree is not required to apply. Applicants must hold a Bachelor's Degree and should have completed at least 15 credits in undergraduate psychology courses, including one laboratory course in experimental psychology and one course in statistics. A major in psychology is not necessary as long as application requirements are met.
- Students are allowed to transfer up to 30 credits from another graduate program, although it is rare that more than two or three courses are eligible for transfer. All "Core Clinical" courses must be taken as part of the program and other courses must be deemed equivalent to their respective program courses by the Director of Clinical Training and the Graduate Center. Please see the [Transfer Credits](#) section of the website for more information.

9. Is it possible to take courses on a non-matriculated basis?

- No

10. Does the program have a clinic where students can receive training?

- Third year students in the program complete a 16-hour per week externship at the [Queens College Psychological Center \(QCPC\)](#) and are directly supervised by a licensed clinical psychologist. In some instance, students can get involved in the clinic earlier.

11. Is the program APA accredited?

- Yes, the program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association (APA).

Feel free to contact ClinicalPsychology@qc.cuny.edu for more information.