Department of Clinical Psychology

Accreditation

- All Azusa Pacific University programs are accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) (https://www.wscuc.org).
- The APU Psy.D. program is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) (http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation/about/coa)\(^1\) Commission on Accreditation. APA accreditation recognizes that the program meets the standards for high-quality programs in psychology as stated in the APA Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation of Programs in Professional Psychology.

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Learn more (http://www.apu.edu/bas/clinical-psychology) about the Department of Clinical Psychology.

Admission

University graduate admission and program acceptance requirements must be met before an application is complete (see the Admission to the University (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/admission-policies/graduate-admission-university) section of this catalog). Learn more (http://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessionalcenter/admissions/requirements/program) about program-specific application requirements.

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- Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/behavioral-applied-sciences/psychology/doctor-psychology-clinical-psychology-family-psychology)

PPSY 700A, Theories of Personality and Psychotherapy, 3 Units

This course develops an understanding of the major theoretical orientations used by current practitioners, focusing on systemic approaches. Established schools of thought, the recovery model, evidence-based and promising practices and their immediate descendants are presented in a blended learning format (both face-to-face and online instruction) through lectures, videotapes, reflection, application via clinical case presentations, and experiential learning. The course also highlights cultural and spiritual diversity as it applies to the therapeutic process and awareness of the self, interpersonal issues, and spiritual values as they impact the use of theoretical frameworks. This course is taken during the first year of the doctoral program and is foundational to the curriculum. As such, subsequent coursework builds upon the knowledge, concepts, and skills introduced in this course.

PPSY 700B, Moral Identity Formation and Psychotherapy, 3 Units

This course presents philosophical and ethical perspectives integral to the understanding of the contemporary psychologies. Students learn how to analyze the ethical bias of the psychotherapeutic psychologies and to identify their underlying philosophical assumptions. This course is taken during the first year of the doctoral program and is foundational to the curriculum. As such, subsequent coursework builds upon the knowledge, concepts, and skills introduced in this course.

PPSY 700C, Psychopathology, 3 Units

This course reviews the role and categories of psychopathology utilized in the assessment and treatment of individual, marriage and family dysfunction. Students develop their diagnostic and analytical skills through a mastery of the concepts in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 4th Edition Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR). This course is taken during the first year of the doctoral program and is foundational to the curriculum. As such, subsequent coursework builds upon the knowledge, concepts, and skills introduced in this course.

PPSY 700D, Introduction to Clinical Practice: Basic Skills, 3 Units

This course provides students with an introduction to the skill and the art of psychotherapy. The course incorporates didactic instruction, experiential learning, readings, and reflection in order to meet this course objective. This course is taken during the first year of the doctoral program and is foundational to the curriculum. As such, subsequent coursework builds upon the knowledge, concepts, and skills introduced in this course.

PPSY 700E, Advanced Developmental Psychology I: Infancy through Adolescence, 2 Units

This course is part of a two-course sequence that helps students learn to utilize a life-span perspective in their work as clinical psychologists. This course reviews important developmental issues and milestones from infancy through adolescence, paying particular attention to context, culture, and environmental issues. Students are encouraged to consider how development occurs within a specific social context and learn how social stress, poverty, low education attainment, abuse and neglect, and inadequate housing impact development. Biological, social, and psychological aspects of development are included; models of psychological development are presented; and the processes of change and adaptation are examined, including clinical issues such as grief and loss. Clinical application of the material is highlighted through case examples, group discussion, and hands-on application during class activities. This course is taken during the first year of the Psy.D. program and is foundational to the curriculum; as such, subsequent coursework builds upon the knowledge, concepts, and skills introduced in this course.
PPSY 700F, Diversity I: Multiculturally Responsive Attitudes and Knowledge, 3 Units
This course provides an introduction and overview to Multiculturally Responsiveness within the context of the psychotherapeutic relationship and through the development of the counselor/therapist. Self-awareness of one’s own cultural values and biases, awareness of the patient’s worldview, and the application of culturally appropriate intervention strategies are all emphasized. This course will address the cultural dimensions of race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, age, mental/physical disabilities, and religion/spirituality. The course will combine didactic and experiential elements of instruction in order to promote student growth and professional development regarding cultural diversity and the practice of psychotherapy.

PPSY 700G, Christian Spiritual Formation and Psychotherapy, 3 Units
This course will provide an historical overview of Christian Spirituality, which is understood as ways of expressing devotion to God. As background for discussion of Christian Spiritual Formation, a holistic philosophical/theological model of persons will be presented along with an overview of spiritual disciplines as methods utilized to actively engage the Christian formation process. Examples of psychotherapy models that integrate Christian theology, spirituality with existing psychology theoretical and clinical models will be presented and discussed. Opportunities for synthesis, application, and creative development of ideas are all part of the course content and process.

PPSY 700H, Assessment I, 3 Units
This course gives students a broad understanding of the psychometric principles related to psychological assessment. This course is the first in a sequence of assessment courses that are continued in the doctoral program, and, therefore, has specific emphases necessary to provide a foundation for a psychologist’s knowledge base in assessment. Special emphasis is placed on understanding the science of psychological assessment, including an introduction to descriptive statistics, reliability, validity, and item analysis. Structuring a basic assessment battery, conducting clinical interviews and the use of psychological tests in diverse contexts is also addressed. This course is taken during the first year of the doctoral program and is foundational to the curriculum. As such, subsequent coursework builds upon the knowledge, concepts, and skills introduced in this course.

PPSY 700I, Systems II: Family Therapy, 3 Units
This course consists of an overview of current theories and methods of family intervention. The systems approach is emphasized, though psychodynamic and communication concepts in the interpersonal field are also included. The major theorists in each system are identified and their techniques demonstrated.
Prerequisite: PPSY 711

PPSY 700J, Introduction to Clinical Skills: Advanced Skills, 3 Units
This course provides an introduction to the clinical world of the psychologist. A review of basic clinical skills is provided, with an emphasis on developing and refining the skills related to the relationship between clinician and client-respect, warmth, genuineness, empathy, concreteness, potency, self-disclosure, confrontation, and immediacy. Work in small groups gives students an opportunity to role play and receive feedback concerning their skills. This course is taken during the first year of the doctoral program and is foundational to the curriculum; as such, subsequent coursework builds upon the knowledge, concepts, and skills introduced in this course.
Prerequisite: PPSY 700D

PPSY 700K, Interdisciplinary Integration and Psychotherapy, 3 Units
With moral and spiritual maturity as a primary focus, students apply interdisciplinary integrative strategies to the clinical setting using perspectives gained from biblical, theological, and psychological frameworks. This course is taken during the first year of the doctoral program and is foundational to the curriculum. As such, subsequent coursework builds upon the knowledge, concepts, and skills introduced in this course.

PPSY 701, Introduction to Clinical Practicum and Professional Practice, 2 Units
This course provides a further introduction to the field of clinical psychology. Students practice basic skills in assessment, interviewing, and sensitivity to diversity, with a special focus on case conceptualization. Activities include role playing and videotaping of clinical practice. Additional exploration of ethical issues in the practice of clinical psychology is also included.

PPSY 702, Legal and Ethical Competence for Psychologists, 3 Units
This course introduces students to the American Psychological Association’s Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct and laws relevant to the practice of psychology. Students must pass a competency examination on legal and ethical issues, practice basic clinical skills, and have their clinical work reviewed.

PPSY 703, Psychological Theories: Psychoanalytic/Psychodynamic, 2 Units
Using primary and secondary sources, this survey course provides an overview of the history of psychoanalytic thought from Freud to the present. Prominent theorists and movements within psychoanalytic history will be featured, with an emphasis on central concepts such as: key theoretical concepts, theory of development, philosophy/structure of mind, theory of psychopathology, theory of treatment/change. Empirical support for the efficacy of psychodynamic psychotherapy will be presented. Key movements in the consideration of religion and spirituality within psychoanalysis will also be discussed.

PPSY 704, Psychological Theories: Cognitive and Behavioral, 2 Units
Students will learn the cognitive and behavioral research and theory that underpin evidence-based cognitive-behavioral interventions. Cognitive and behavioral research and theory will be examined in the context of specific populations and disorders. Students will develop a basic understanding of the efficacy of cognitive-behavioral therapy as a psychotherapeutic treatment modality.
PPSY 705, Psychological Theories: Group, 2 Units
This course provides an introduction to the theory and practice of group psychotherapy. Students explore several prominent group therapy models and develop some clinical competency in group therapy.

PPSY 706, Psychological Theories: Postmodern, 2 Units
This course provides an overview of postmodern theories that are prominent in the field of clinical psychology. Course material covers the theoretical and research underpinnings of specific models, along with their relationship to language, human interaction, and social constructivism; the various schools of thought associated with the discipline since its inception; and the influence and impact of each of these schools on the practice of psychology. Models covered include narrative therapy, solution-focused therapy, feminist therapy, and multicultural therapy, and students explore the subject matter through lectures, readings, discussions, and videos.

PPSY 707, Clinical Interventions: Psychodynamic, 2 Units
Students in this course learn an empirically supported model of time-limited psychodynamic psychotherapy. This course includes conceptual/theoretical underpinnings as well as clinical application, and ideally, students are already in a clinical setting where this modality may be utilized. Consultation on cases is provided to students in this course.

PPSY 708, Clinical Interventions: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, 2 Units
This course provides an overview of interventions related to cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). Students learn conceptual foundations and interventions of CBT theory in order to modify thought patterns, affective states, and behaviors as related to specific disorders and clinical populations. Students also develop a basic understanding of the efficacy of CBT as a psychotherapeutic treatment modality. Interventions are taught through in-class written assignments, by engaging in role-plays, and by observing sessions.

PPSY 709, Clinical Interventions: Group, 2 Units
This course provides an introduction to the practice of group psychotherapy. Students explore several prominent group therapy models and begin to develop clinical competency in group therapy.
Prerequisite: PPSY 705

PPSY 710, Clinical Interventions: Postmodern, 2 Units
In this course, students learn conceptual, perceptual, and executive skills of postmodern interventions, including solution-focused brief therapy. Students develop a better understanding of how postmodern interventions enhance the treatment of clients.

PPSY 711, Psychology and Systems Theory, 3 Units
This course provides an introduction to the discipline of Family Psychology and the theoretical orientation of the Psy.D. curriculum. An in-depth analysis of the tenets of systems theory and their application to psychotherapy is provided. Philosophical, theological, and psychological ramifications of systems theory are considered. Students are challenged to adopt an ecological systems epistemology and think critically regarding the integration of psychological theories within a systemic framework.

PPSY 712, Theories of Change and Evidence-based Treatment, 3 Units
This course examines major theoretical orientations regarding the process of change in psychotherapy and provides instruction in the selection of evidence-based treatments. Contemporary theories are reviewed and critiqued in light of current research on the effectiveness of treatments based upon those theories. Students are expected to develop a coherent theoretical and empirical rationale for therapeutic interventions.

PPSY 713, Assessment II: Personality, 4 Units
This course provides a review of the fundamentals of psychological assessment; the administration, scoring, and interpretation of objective instruments for the clinical assessment of personality; and professional report writing. Instruments to be studied include the Minnesota Multiphasic Inventory II and the Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory III. Cultural issues in the interpretation of psychological tests are addressed. This course includes a mandatory lab for practice in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of assessment devices.

PPSY 714, Assessment III: Cognitive Assessment, 4 Units
This course covers the assessment of intelligence in children, adolescents, and adults and the assessment of children for developmental, learning, and emotional disorders. The course emphasizes the Wechsler intelligence scales. Critical analysis of cultural considerations in test interpretation is considered. The development and composition of comprehensive assessment batteries are addressed. This course includes a mandatory lab for practice in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of assessment devices.

PPSY 715, Adult Psychology, 3 Units
This course surveys adult development, adult psychopathology, and individual adult psychotherapy. Systemic and social interaction is emphasized in developmental process, etiology and manifestation of psychopathology, and therapeutic interventions. Culturally diverse populations are considered.

PPSY 716, Family Psychology, 3 Units
This course examines family development, the assessment of family functioning, the intersection of psychopathology and family dynamics, and family psychotherapy. Students learn to administer and interpret family assessment measures. The role of culture, ethnicity, and religious influences in families is discussed. Students develop systemic treatment plans that recognize the value of the appropriate inclusion of individual, dyadic, and family therapy sessions.
PPSY 717, Child Psychology, 2 Units
This course provides an overview of the field of child psychology, including child psychopathology. Emotional, behavioral, and learning problems are thoroughly examined and understood within a systemic developmental context. Particular attention is paid to assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of children within the familial and cultural context.

PPSY 718, History and Systems of Psychology, 3 Units
This course provides an overview of the history of the discipline of psychology. Topics covered include the theoretical and research underpinnings of the discipline; the various schools of thought associated with the discipline since its inception; and the influence and impact of each of these schools upon the practice of psychology. Students explore the subject matter through lecture, readings, discussion, and videos.

PPSY 719, Social Psychology, 2 Units
The course provides an overview of the theoretical and applied knowledge of social psychology, which consists of how individuals affect their environment, and how the environment affects individual behavior and social interactions. The focus is on theory and empirical research which supports theory. In addition, classic action-oriented social psychology is examined in the application of social psychological theory to real-life situations.

PPSY 720, Clinical Consultation, 1 Unit
This course offers additional support to Psy.D. students' clinical placement and supervision experiences as they receive clinical training at practicum sites. The primary purpose of this course is to provide an opportunity for students to discuss their clinical caseload in order to further develop their case conceptualization and presentation skills. Furthermore, the class provides an opportunity for faculty to encourage professional development and provide department oversight of students' clinical placement experience. This course is required every semester students are at a practicum site, and successful completion of the practicum is required to receive credit for this course.
Corequisite: Clinical training at a practicum site

PPSY 721, Addictive Behaviors, 2 Units
This course addresses the etiology, course of progression, assessment methodologies, and treatment of addictive behaviors. A range of addictive behaviors is studied, including substance use and eating disorders, gambling, sexual addictions, and relationship addictions. Cultural and religious factors in addictions are studied. Special attention is given to social and environmental factors in the progression and treatment of addictive behaviors.

PPSY 722, Research Design I, 3 Units
This course provides an introduction to research design and its application to psychology. Emphasis is given to developing knowledge and skills in research design, and in assessing the technical adequacy of research conducted by others. Various types of clinical dissertations are presented and discussed to assist students in developing their clinical dissertation proposal.

PPSY 723, Research Design II, 3 Units
This course focuses on statistical methodologies and their applications in the analysis of both empirical and qualitative data. Lectures emphasize statistical concepts and their application to clinical research. Computer applications of statistical software packages are emphasized in an experiential laboratory component. This course provides the foundational skills necessary for students to finalize their clinical dissertation proposal and to conduct the research to complete their clinical dissertation.

PPSY 724, Systems IV: Couples Theory and Therapy, 3 Units
This course reviews the current literature on dyadic relationships and psychotherapeutic approaches to couples. A minimum of three contemporary theoretical orientations and their clinical applications are studied in depth. Demonstration, simulation, case presentations, and clinical experience are used to reinforce the models presented. Students receive training in the administration and interpretation of assessment devices for the clinical evaluation of couples. Variations across cultures and interaction with wider systems are considered.

PPSY 725, Moral Psychology, 3 Units
This course explores psychological perspectives on moral development and moral meaning. Students gain an understanding of the moral development of individual and family life using the conceptual frameworks and moral categories of phenomenological, gestalt, existential, cognitive, and object relations theories.

PPSY 726, Biblical Ethics and Psychotherapy, 3 Units
In this course, students examine the primary ethical perspectives of Scripture in order to understand their role in the development of personal and family values and their importance as a source of ethical guidance for individuals and families. Special attention is given to cultural and ethical relativism, biblical ethics and community life, and the clinical use of biblical ethics in ethical confrontation.

PPSY 727, Clinical Practicum III: Diversity Competency, 2 Units
This course provides an on-campus forum for the review of clinical experience at a practicum site chosen subsequent to the development of an individual training plan. This course focuses on competency in the delivery of psychological services to diverse populations. Students must pass a competency examination on diversity to complete this course. Students are evaluated on the development of increased skill in the practice of psychology.
PPSY 728, Clinical Practicum IV: Domestic Violence and Case Conceptualization, 2 Units
This course provides an on-campus forum for review of clinical experience at a practicum site. Focus is on detection, assessment, and intervention strategies for spousal or partner abuse and meets the California requirements for training in this area. Students must pass a competency examination in domestic violence to complete this course. Students consider the conceptualization of clinical cases and are evaluated on the development of increased skill in the practice of psychology.

PPSY 729, Treatment Planning, 1 Unit
Instruction is provided in the development of treatment plans, including the definition and diagnosis of problems, inclusion of psychological assessment and measurement in case conceptualization, and the formulation and implementation of empirically validated intervention strategies. Diversity issues in intervention evaluation and treatment planning are considered. Ethical principles and legal issues related to the standards of care in treatment are emphasized. Application is made to the variety of settings in which clinical psychology is practiced.

PPSY 730, Cognition, 2 Units
This course studies current information on cognition and cognitive processes. The relationship of contemporary understandings of cognition to the practice of psychotherapy is considered.

PPSY 731, Dissertation Development, 1 Unit
This course provides advanced instruction in the development of the Psy.D. dissertation. Students participate in the section of the course that addresses the category they have chosen for their dissertation (e.g., qualitative research, quantitative research, program consultation, critical literature analysis, theoretical development, or clinical application).

PPSY 732, Child and Adolescent Psychology, 3 Units
This course is designed to give students a broad understanding of clinical child and adolescent psychology. This course will mainly emphasize diagnosis and treatment of common childhood and adolescent psychiatric disorders. This course will utilize a developmental psychopathology model; therefore, both protective factors and risk factors for children and adolescent mental health will be covered. The course will highlight empirically validated treatments in work with children and adolescents; however, general treatment approaches will also be discussed.

PPSY 733, Spiritual Narrative in Psychotherapy, 2 Units
This course provides a forum for exploration and discussion of spirituality in psychotherapy. Of particular import is the student's spirituality and how this experiential foundation affects, and is affected by, the spirituality of the patient. This course is not about techniques or particularly explicit interventions; it is about developing a deepening awareness and experience of personal spirituality, reflecting on how this may be a resource in psychotherapy, and enlarging the capacity to contain and respond to spirituality in the clinical context. This course combines didactic and experiential elements of instruction in order to promote student growth and professional development regarding spirituality and the practice of psychotherapy.

PPSY 734, Gerontology, 2 Units
This course focuses on the specific developmental issues, psychopathology, and therapeutic interventions relevant to the aging. Special attention is given to ecosystemic factors, such as extended family dynamics and community services, as they relate to treatment. Differences across cultures are considered.

PPSY 735, Adolescent Psychology, 2 Units
This course covers current perspectives on adolescent development, psychopathology, and psychotherapy. Traditional and recent models of adolescent development are reviewed. DSM-IV criteria for disorders that relate especially to adolescents are reviewed and therapeutic interventions studied. Special attention is given to models that recognize systemic factors in the etiology and treatment of adolescent issues. Students learn to administer and interpret at least one assessment device for adolescents (e.g., MMPI-A, MACI).

PPSY 736, Social Ethics and Psychotherapy, 3 Units
This course presents ethical perspectives on the formation of social identity and community. Students examine the communal nature of the maturing self, the critical influence of urban life and urban problems on the family, and broader social goals of psychotherapy.

PPSY 737, Clinical Practicum V: Interdisciplinary Integration, 2 Units
This course provides an on-campus forum for review of clinical experience at a practicum site. It focuses on the appropriate use of an interdisciplinary approach to clinical services that notes the interaction of philosophical, ethical, theological, and psychological dimensions. Students must pass a competency examination on the interdisciplinary approach to complete this course. Students are evaluated on the development of increased skill in the practice of psychology.

PPSY 738, Clinical Practicum VI: The Future Psychologist - Management, Private Practice, and Advocacy, 2 Units
This course provides students with an introduction to the possibilities, responsibilities, and options after graduation. Skills in developing a private practice, management of non-profit organizations, and advocacy for mental health are presented. Students are encouraged to develop a plan for advocating for a chosen public health issue or a plan for developing a private practice.
PPSY 739, Psychobiology, 3 Units
This course introduces the biological and neurological bases of human behavior. The role of the central nervous system and organic bases of psychological development and psychopathology are examined. The effects of trauma, head injury, and the neurological aspects of DSM-IV disorders are discussed.

PPSY 740, Consultation in Clinical Psychology, 2 Units
This course provides instruction and training in the provision of professional clinical consultation. Students are introduced to the theoretical and practical aspects of providing consultation.

PPSY 742, Diversity II: Historical and Current Causes of Systemic Differences and Oppression, 3 Units
This course examines the historical legacy, events, and circumstances that have led to structural and systemic policies that have advantaged certain populations and people groups over others in the United States. As the second in a sequence of four diversity courses, the focus of this course is upon equipping students to understand the impact of historical events on their clients' lives and learning how to consider the historical context in psychotherapy.
Prerequisite: PPSY 700F

PPSY 743, Diversity III: Responsiveness in Clinical Practice, 3 Units
This course builds on previous PPSY diversity courses, emphasizing application of diversity concepts. It provides a review of and expansion upon key concepts and essential elements, as well as an introduction to some other aspects of multicultural counseling/therapy competency (MCT). The course also provides an on-campus forum for the review and integration of multicultural competence concepts in clinical practice at a practicum site chosen as part of each student's individual training plan. Course material focuses on MCT competency in the delivery of psychological services to diverse populations, as students must pass an integrative MCT competency evaluation to complete this course, and are evaluated on the development in increased MCT skill in the practice of psychology through a final integrative paper.

PPSY 744, Supervision in Clinical Psychology, 2 Units
This course provides instruction and training in the provision of professional clinical supervision. Students are introduced to the theoretical and practical aspects of providing supervision. In addition to lectures and readings focused on the process of supervision, students are supervised as they provide supervision to master's-level trainees.

PPSY 745, Dissertation I, 1 Unit
Students enroll for dissertation credit while they work with their committees on their clinical dissertation. Specific goals, objectives, and tasks must be completed to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completion of the dissertation. Documents demonstrating completion of the assignments must be submitted to the Department of Graduate Psychology in order to receive credit for the course.

PPSY 746, Dissertation II, 1 Unit
Students enroll for dissertation credit while they work with their committees on their Clinical Dissertation. Specific goals, objectives, and tasks must be completed to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completion of the dissertation. Documents demonstrating completion of the assignments must be submitted to the Department of Graduate Psychology in order to receive credit for the course.

PPSY 747, Dissertation III, 1 Unit
Students enroll for dissertation credit while they work with their committees on their Clinical Dissertation. Specific goals, objectives, and tasks must be completed to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completion of the dissertation. Documents demonstrating completion of the assignments must be submitted to the Department of Graduate Psychology in order to receive credit for the course.

PPSY 748, Dissertation IV, 1 Unit
Students enroll for dissertation credit while they work with their committees on their clinical dissertation. Specific goals, objectives, and tasks must be completed to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completion of the dissertation. Documents demonstrating completion of the assignments must be submitted to the Department of Graduate Psychology in order to receive credit for the course.

PPSY 749, Diversity IV: Global Psychology, 3 Units
This course focuses on the role of the psychologist in international contexts. Specifically, this course addresses awareness, knowledge, skills, and attitudes in working with religiously diverse populations. Furthermore, this course addresses the role of the psychologist working internationally. To this end, this course provides an overview of Global Psychology, International Psychology, global mental health, and other related movements. Critical analysis of current practices in psychological research and clinical intervention is discussed, and students identify how they will apply course content to their future professional roles.

PPSY 750, Predoctoral Internship, 1 Unit
This is a one-year professional internship at an external site approved by the Clinical Training Committee. Students register for internship during the fall and spring semesters.
Prerequisite: Completion of all Psy.D. curriculum and practicum requirements; pass the Clinical Competency Exam; and approval to apply for internship from Clinical Training Committee (Students who opt to take a half-time, two-year internship must register both years.)
PPSY 752, Predoctoral Internship, 0 Units
This is a one-year professional internship at an external site approved by the director of clinical training of internship. Students register for this course during the fall, spring, and summer semesters while on internship.
Prerequisite: Completion of all Psy.D. curriculum and practicum requirements; pass the Clinical Competency Exam; and approval to apply for internship by director. Students who opt to take a two-year half-time internship must register for this course both years.

PPSY 753, Moral and Spiritual Identity Formation in the Family, 3 Units
This course explores moral identity formation within the family. Students consider religious, intergenerational, and systemic influence in the development of the moral landscape of the family and the moral and spiritual resources available to confront the emotional and psychological challenges of family life today.

PPSY 754, Assessment IV: Projectives, 4 Units
This course provides an introduction to projective personality assessment tools and techniques. It emphasizes administration, scoring, interpretation, and report writing of the Rorschach using Exner's Comprehensive System. The course also briefly covers issues related to the use of other projective devices (e.g., Thematic Apperception Test and Projective Drawings). This course includes a mandatory lab for practice in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of assessment devices.

PPSY 755, Dissertation V, 1 Unit
Students enroll for dissertation credit while they work with their committees on their clinical dissertation. Specific goals, objectives, and tasks must be completed to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completion of the dissertation. Documents demonstrating completion of the assignments must be submitted to the Department of Graduate Psychology in order to receive credit for the course.

PPSY 756, Dissertation VI, 1 Unit
Students enroll for dissertation credit while they work with their committees on their clinical dissertation. Specific goals, objectives, and tasks must be completed to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completion of the dissertation. Documents demonstrating completion of the assignments must be submitted to the Department of Graduate Psychology in order to receive credit for the course.

PPSY 757, Psychopharmacology, 2 Units
This course introduces the use of psychotropic medications as an adjunctive therapy to psychotherapy. Current information on the use of medications in the treatment of psychological disorders is provided. Consideration is given to the special needs of certain populations (e.g., the elderly or substance abuse patients) when psychotropic medications are prescribed. Students develop skills in case management when referral to physicians or neuropsychologists is part of therapeutic practice.

PPSY 758A, Techniques of Change: Cognitive-behavioral Interventions, 2 Units
Students learn conceptual, perceptual, and executive skills of cognitive-behavior therapy designed to change problematic behaviors, affective states, and thought patterns in relation to specific disorders and clinical populations. Students develop a better understanding of how cognitive-behavior therapy and the paradigm of family psychology enhance the treatment of clients.

PPSY 759A, Techniques of Change: Solution-focused Brief Therapy, 2 Units
Students learn conceptual, perceptual, and executive skills of solution-focused brief therapy designed to apply to a variety of clinical populations. Students develop a better understanding of how solution-focused brief therapy and the paradigm of family psychology enhance the treatment of clients.

PPSY 760, Techniques of Change: Psychodynamic Interventions, 2 Units
Students learn and practice a variety of psychodynamic interventions in relation to specific disorders and clinical populations with an emphasis on time-limited (brief) intensive psychodynamic psychotherapy.

PPSY 761, Advanced Clinical Practicum I, 1 Unit
This course provides an on-campus forum for the review of the clinical practicum experience. The course addresses clinical skills, case management, legal and ethical issues, and the processes of the practice and supervision of psychology.

PPSY 762, Advanced Clinical Practicum II, 1 Unit
This course provides an on-campus forum for the review of the clinical practicum experience. The course addresses clinical skills, case management, legal and ethical issues, and the processes of the practice and supervision of psychology. This course aims to provide an ongoing learning experience for students who desire or need to pursue an additional year of training beyond the required CP I-VI sequence. Readings and lectures are intended to further enhance skills of assessment and clinical intervention.

PPSY 763, Psychodynamic Systems of Psychotherapy I, 2 Units
This seminar-style course is the first in a three-course sequence on psychodynamic systems of psychotherapy, which provides instruction and training in psychodynamic approaches to personality, psychopathology, and psychotherapy. This first course includes a review of major theorists and theories from Freud (classical analysis) to Kohut (self-psychology), focusing particularly on the British Middle School's (Fairbairn, Guntrip, and Winnicott) distinctive contributions to this spectrum of theories and therapies. Particular attention is given to the evolution from drive to relationship as primary motivation for human development and from individual to interpersonal intrapsychic systems frameworks. Implications for the understanding of religious experience from the perspective of these psychodynamic frameworks is also explored.
PPSY 764, Psychodynamic Systems of Psychotherapy II, 2 Units
This seminar-style course is the second part of a three-course sequence, following the review of the British Middle School's unique contributions to theory and technique, and elaborates upon the distinction between one-person, two-person, and contextual psychotherapies. This course provides advanced instruction and training in contemporary psychodynamic approaches to personality and psychotherapy and highlights the systemic theory that undergirds their development. An in-depth exploration of relational psychoanalysis that diverges from traditional psychoanalytic assumptions by considering contextual daily interactions and broader social and cultural dynamics, is presented. Extensive clinical material is used to illustrate how relational thinking explores the interface between mother-infant research, dynamic systems theory, trauma research, family therapy, and social learning theory, all of which are powerfully contextual in nature. In addition, implications for understanding spirituality from within this tradition are considered.
Prerequisite: PPSY 763

PPSY 765, Psychodynamic Systems of Psychotherapy III, 2 Units
This seminar-style course is the third in a three-course sequence on psychodynamic systems of psychotherapy, which provides instruction and training in psychodynamic approaches to personality, psychopathology, and psychotherapy. This third course focuses on synthesis and consolidation of understanding regarding the spectrum of psychodynamic theories and therapies with particular attention to demonstrated clinical competency, and pays particular attention to how psychodynamic theory interfaces with social issues, life transitions, faith, and film and literature.
Prerequisite: PPSY 764

PPSY 766, Consultation II: Systemic and Organizational Context, 2 Units
This course explores the critical dimensions of organizational life from the vantage point of systemic, structural, and cultural perspectives. Students examine organizing principles for leadership and management, cultural artifacts of organizational life, and key contextual variables that might prove significant for consultancy engagement. This course provides a framework for students to gain insights into organizational life and the importance of key factors as a backdrop for consultancy engagements that involve organizational redesign, management principles, and cultural contexts.
Prerequisite: PPSY 764

PPSY 767, Consultation III: Leadership and Organizational Assessment, 2 Units
This course introduces students to qualitative and quantitative assessment methods as key tools for leadership and organizational assessment. Students gain competency in the use of several key assessment methods and instruments, learn the importance of assessment in organizational and leadership dynamics, and learn to apply these instruments to leadership and organizational development.
Prerequisite: PPSY 740, PPSY 766

PPSY 768, Consultation IV: Interventional Strategies, 2 Units
This course provides instruction and training in interventional strategies central to consultation assignments within organizational settings. Students are introduced to interventional strategies that correspond to the primary issues related to organizational life: change management, organizational culture, and leadership and team dynamics. Students gain competency in focusing on these critical areas of consultancy engagement and intervention.
Prerequisite: PPSY 740, PPSY 766, PPSY 767

PPSY 770, Introduction to Forensic Psychology, 2 Units
This course provides the clinical psychology student an introduction to forensic psychology theory, methods, and assessment. This is the first and foundational course in a series of four elective courses in the family forensic psychology elective concentration. This course provides students with the opportunity to learn the foundational theory in law and psychology that serves as prerequisite knowledge to explore deeper study in forensic assessment and family forensic psychology. Specifically, this course covers the introduction to the psychological and legal aspects of criminal, civil, and family forensic psychology.

PPSY 771, Forensic Assessment, 2 Units
This course provides substantive coverage of forensic mental health assessment. It presents the psychological and legal conceptual framework for applying forensic instruments and forensically relevant instruments to answer questions presented by a civil, family, or criminal court. Foundational issues such as forensic ethics, multicultural considerations, basic forensic assessment methodology, and assessment of response styles and dissimulation are covered. In addition, relevant legal concepts and landmark cases that substantially shape the delivery of forensic mental health assessment are addressed. Students learn the basics of conducting the following evaluation types: 1) competency to stand trial; 2) mental status at the time of the offense and criminal responsibility; 3) violence risk management; 4) sex offender risk assessment; 5) death penalty mitigation; and 6) personal injury.
Prerequisite: PPSY 770

PPSY 772, Family Forensic Psychology I, 2 Units
This course provides a substantive overview of juvenile forensic and child custody evaluations. Students have the opportunity to learn legal cases and principles that apply to the work of forensic psychologists in juvenile and family courts, as well as assessment methodology and instruments that are employed when conducting juvenile forensic and child custody evaluations. Types of the evaluations covered include juvenile risk assessment, juvenile psychopathy, juvenile transfer waiver, juvenile competency, child custody, and fitness for parenting.
Prerequisite: PPSY 771
PPSY 773, Family Forensic Psychology II, 2 Units
This course covers specialized issues within family forensic psychology including conducting evaluations that are useful for making legal dispositions within the family court system. Students learn the fundamental elements of conducting the following assessments: visitation risk, child trauma, child sexual abuse allegations, domestic violence risk, battered spouse, decisional/testamentary capacity and substituted judgement, psychological autopsies, and reproductive capacity. In addition, students are exposed to divorce mediation and more advanced expert testimony strategies. At the end of the four-course sequence, students have the opportunity to participate in a mock court hearing where they present their findings and undergo cross-examination by an attorney.
Prerequisite: PPSY 772

PPSY 774, Assessment II: Personality, 3 Units
This course provides a review of the fundamentals of psychological assessment: the administration, scoring, and interpretation of self-report instruments for the clinical assessment of personality and professional report writing. Primary instruments studied will include the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 (MMPI-2), MMPI-2-RF, Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory IV, Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI), NEO-Personality Inventory-3 (NEO-PI-3), Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire (16PF) and Beck Inventories.
Prerequisite: PPSY 700H

PPSY 775, Assessment IV: Integrated Report Writing, 3 Units
This course focuses on the art and science of psychological assessment and report writing. Consistent with the assessment competence of the APA, this course is intended as a capstone or final, culminating course occurring at the conclusion of the assessment sequence. It provides students with the tools to refine report-writing skills, with a focus on conducting clinical interviewing, test selection, and third-party collaborative interviews, and learning to write integrated, clear, useful psychological reports.
Prerequisite: PPSY 700H, PPSY 774, PPSY 714

PPSY 779, Advanced Developmental Psychology II: Early Adulthood through Late Adulthood, 2 Units
This course is part of a two course sequence that aims to help students learn to utilize a lifespan perspective in their work as clinical psychologists. This course reviews important developmental issues and milestones from early adulthood through late adulthood, paying particular attention to context, culture, and environmental issues. Students are encouraged to consider how development occurs within a specific social context and learn how social stress, poverty, low-education attainment, abuse and neglect, and inadequate housing impact development. Biological, social, psychological aspects of development are included in this course. Models of psychological development are presented, and the processes of change and adaptation are examined, including clinical issues such as grief and loss. The clinical application of the material is highlighted through case examples, group discussion, and hands-on application during class activities. This course is taken during the first year of the doctoral program and is foundational to the curriculum. As such, subsequent coursework builds upon the knowledge, concepts, and skills introduced in this course.

PPSY 780, Object Relations Theory and Therapy, 2 Units
This course provides advanced instruction and training in object relations approaches to personality and psychotherapy. This seminar-style course includes a review of the British Middle School's distinct contributions to personality theory, the primary object relations' models of personality, and contemporary clinical applications of this theory. Implications for the understanding of religious experience from within this theoretical and clinical framework are also explored.

PPSY 781, Interpersonal Theory and Psychotherapy, 2 Units
This course provides advanced instruction and training in interpersonal approaches to personality and psychotherapy. This seminar-style course includes a review of Harry Stack Sullivan's distinctive contributions to personality theory, the primary interpersonal models of personality, and several contemporary clinical applications of this theory.

PPSY 782, Advanced MMPI-2 & Advanced MCMI-III, 2 Units
This course provides advanced instruction and training in psychological assessment utilizing the MMPI-2 and the MCMI-III. The construction and characteristics of both tests are reviewed, and students gain experience in the scoring, written interpretation, and oral interpretation of the tests.

PPSY 783, Advanced Supervision, 2 Units
This course provides a continuation of the skills and techniques learned in Supervision in Clinical Psychology. Focus is on application of supervisory skills such as parallel process, setting boundaries, determining the difference between content and process issues, and evaluation of students supervised. Course participants provide supervision to Pre-Psy.D. students in their first practicum experience.
Prerequisite: PPSY 744

PPSY 784, Phenomenology of Presence, 2 Units
This course explores the dimensions of therapeutic presence from the vantage point of phenomenological analysis and existential categories. Students examine their own therapeutic presence from within this perspective and reflect on the individual and relational qualities that define and enhance therapeutic presence.
PPSY 785, Women’s Spiritual Experience: Psychological and Theological Perspectives, 2 Units
Based on the research conducted by scholars in the disciplines of theology and psychology on the unique experiences of women, this seminar course provides an introduction to the literature in women’s issues from both a psychological and theological perspective. Through readings, discussion, research, and introspective writing, students explore the work of well-known scholars and begin to explore connections between the work of biblical scholars, historical theologians, and psychologists looking at women’s experiences. Students are also given opportunities to apply their learning to their own spiritual and psychological development.

PPSY 786, Global Psychology, 2 Units
This course provides a systematic overview of existing approaches to working globally. Theory, research, and intervention are highlighted, and the history of globalization, current trends, and common problems and issues are examined. Students are encouraged to develop their clinical skills in applying psychology to significant global concerns in diverse countries and cultures and practically apply their knowledge during an intensive, three-week practicum in Kenya, East Africa.

PPSY 787, Dissertation Continuation, 0 Units
This course is for students who have completed Dissertation I-VI and have not yet defended their dissertation. Students are expected to meet regularly with their dissertation chair; to complete specific goals, objectives, and tasks; and to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completion of their dissertation. Students (including those who have not yet completed their dissertation after proceeding to internship and/or completing internship) enroll in this course until the dissertation is successfully defended and the final document is submitted for the required APA editing process and APU’s publications approval.
Prerequisite: PPSY745, PPSY 746, PPSY 747, PPSY 748, PPSY 755, PPSY 756

PPSY 788, Integrated Health Psychology, 2 Units
In this course students are introduced to the field of integrated health psychology, learn the role and duties of a health psychologist, and develop an understanding of the collaboration that can occur will allied health professionals in order to help patients achieve better outcomes.

PPSY 795, Dissertation Continuation, 3 Units
Only students who have not completed their dissertation prior to the predoctoral internship enroll in this course. Students enroll for dissertation continuation during the fall, spring, and summer semesters until the dissertation is complete and accepted for publication. Students are expected to complete specific goals, objectives, and tasks and to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completion of the dissertation. Students who are continuing to complete their dissertation after they proceed to internship are required to enroll in this course each semester until the dissertation is completed, successfully defended, and accepted for binding. Students meet or interact with their faculty mentor and dissertation committee to facilitate completion of the dissertation.

PPSY 796, Dissertation Continuation [Proposed], 0 Units
PPSY 797, Dissertation Continuation [Proposed], 0 Units
PPSY 798, Special Topics, 1-6 Units
Elective courses are offered each semester according to the interests of students and faculty. Students are required to take elective courses during their program; some may choose to take additional courses of interest beyond the unit requirement of the program.

PPSY 799, Readings in Psychology, 1-4 Units

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