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**713 Psychiatry Clerkship** (4:1-3) (135 clinical hours) (Prerequisite: Permission of the department) F, S, SU. This clerkship provides students with extensive clinical exposure to the major aspects of psychiatric care under the supervision of experienced preceptors.

**714 Emergency Medicine Clerkship** (4:1-3) (135 clinical hours) (Prerequisite: Permission of the department) F, S, SU. This clerkship provides students with experience in triage, evaluation, and management of patients in the emergency department under the supervision of experienced preceptors.

**715 Internal Medicine – Inpatient Clerkship** (4:1-3) (135 clinical hours) (Prerequisite: Permission of the department) F, S, SU. This clerkship provides students with extensive clinical exposure to the major aspects of inpatient internal medicine care under the supervision of experienced physician and PA preceptors.

**716 Internal Medicine – Outpatient Clerkship** (4:1-3) (135 clinical hours) (Prerequisite: Permission of the department) F, S, Su. Under the supervision of experienced physician and PA preceptors, this clerkship provides students with extensive clinical exposure to the major aspects of internal medicine in an outpatient setting.

**717 General Surgery Clerkship** (4:1-3) (135 clinical hours) (Prerequisite: Permission of the department) F, S, SU. This clerkship provides students with hands-on experience in general surgery through exposure to the operating room, to pre- and post-operative management, and to outpatient surgical management and follow-up.

**718 Elective Clerkship** (4:1-3) (135 clinical hours) (Prerequisite: Permission of the department) F, S, SU. Under the supervision of experienced preceptors, this clerkship provides students with extensive clinical exposure to the major aspects of an area of medicine selected in consultation with the clinical coordinator.

**720 Physician Assistant Capstone** (1) (Prerequisite: Completion of six clerkships) F. This course will emphasize test-taking skills, testing practice, and critical thinking. Emphasis will be placed on prioritization and delegation. Learners will review critical medical concepts and content needed for their success as professional Physician Assistants.

## GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

### SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Coordinator of Clinical/Counseling Psychology: Dr. William P. Wattles  
Coordinator of School Psychology: Dr. Crystal R. Hill-Chapman

FMU is responsive to the needs of the region by offering the Master of Science Degree in Applied Psychology (MSAP) and the Specialist Degree in School Psychology (SSP), and by proposing program modifications to these professional degrees as indicated. Graduates of the MSAP and SSP programs will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to work as professionals in clinical, school, health, and other community settings as scientist practitioners. The MSAP program adheres to the standards of training of the Council of Applied Master's Programs in Psychology (CAMPP) and is accredited by the Masters in Psychology Accreditation Council (MPAC). The combined MSAP (School Psychology Option)

and Specialist in School Psychology is approved as a specialist-level training program by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and is recognized by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Students and graduates of the MSAP and SSP programs bring scholarship and reflection to their work and an understanding of diversity in clientele, methodology, and application. Students and graduates of the MSAP and SSP programs report that their training occurred in a positive learning environment that recognized and nurtured diversity while emphasizing academic excellence. MSAP and SSP faculty produce scholarship that enhances teaching, involves students, and contributes to the profession of psychology. MSAP and SSP faculty consult with and render academic and practical assistance to local human service agencies, hospitals, and regional schools.

Enrollment in the program is limited. Students must be accepted as a graduate degree student or graduate non-degree student in order to register for courses. Students develop an organized plan of study in consultation with an adviser. Courses are offered during afternoon and evening hours. Practicum and other clinical experiences generally occur during normal business/school hours, but may require evening or weekend commitments. Courses offer a blend of classroom activities and experiential training designed to acquaint the student with both the theory and the practical applications of psychological knowledge.

While classes are taught in the afternoon and evening, school psychology students should be mindful that practicum experiences must occur during the morning and early afternoon. Additionally, the internship must be a full-time experience as a school psychologist in a public school setting during the fall and spring semesters. Clinical/counseling students should be aware that their internship also requires an intensive, capstone internship experience that may require them to take a leave of absence from other employment.

After being admitted to the program and prior to enrolling in classes, students must contact the Graduate Coordinator of the Clinical/Counseling Psychology, or the Graduate Coordinator of School Psychology (as appropriate) in the Department of Psychology for advising.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students at the graduate level are accepted to graduate study in psychology as either graduate degree students or as graduate non-degree students. Graduate degree students in psychology are accepted into either the Clinical/Counseling Psychology Option or the School Psychology Option. Students accepted into the Clinical/Counseling Psychology Option are accepted into the Master of Science in Applied Psychology (MSAP), Clinical Counseling Psychology Option. Students accepted into the School Psychology Option are accepted into the Master of Science in Applied Psychology, School Psychology Option, with the expectation that they will complete the Specialist in School Psychology (SSP) degree program. However, MSAP, School Psychology Option students will only be admitted to the Specialist degree program upon approval by school psychology faculty. Approval will be based upon performance in the MSAP program. Applicants who previously have obtained a master's degree in school psychology or a closely related field from another university and wish to improve their training to the specialist level may be accepted into the SSP degree program.

**NOTE:** Applicants with a master's degree from another institution's program must submit all materials required of students applying for graduate degree status, outlined below. Additionally, applicants with a master's degree from another institution who are accepted into the SSP program may have additional coursework or practica to be completed. Students who completed the school psychology option of the MSAP at FMU and received South Carolina certification at the level of School Psychologist II or who have obtained NASP NCSP status may not apply for the SSP.

Graduate non-degree students in psychology who do not seek a graduate degree at FMU and typically already possess a graduate degree may wish to

take a specific course or courses only for professional growth, certification upgrade, or recertification/license renewal.

### GRADUATE DEGREE STATUS

To be considered for admission as a graduate degree student, an applicant must complete the following steps:

1. Submit a graduate application for admission and pay the nonrefundable graduate application fee.
2. Submit official transcript(s) of all undergraduate and graduate work. Applicants must have earned an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution as evidenced by the official transcript(s). The record should show promise of success as a graduate student, which requires maintenance of a minimum 3.0 grade point average throughout tenure within the program. Therefore, it is recommended that applicants have a 3.0 or higher grade point average in all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed at the time of application. Transcripts also are examined for relevance of undergraduate preparation for graduate education in psychology. All MSAP applicants must have completed an introductory or general psychology course, as well as a course in behavioral statistics. All SSP applicants with a master's degree from another institution must document relevant master's level training in school psychology or closely related field.
3. Submit scores on the Graduate Record Examination taken within the last five years. Only the General Test is required; the Psychology Subject Test is not required. On the original GRE, combined scores above 850 with a minimum of 400 on each of the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections is recommended. On the revised GRE, combined scores above 290 with a minimum of 140 on each of the Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning sections are recommended.
4. Submit two letters of recommendation from former professors or professional associates/supervisors who can attest to the academic potential of the applicant. Letters from faculty members in academic settings are preferred.
5. Submit a personal statement, 500 to 750 words in length, indicating one's interests in clinical/counseling or school psychology, career goals, and reasons for seeking admission to the Master of Science in Applied Psychology and/or Specialist in School Psychology programs.
6. To be considered for departmental financial assistance and on-campus assistantships, applicants should submit a completed departmental application for scholarships and assistantships. This application can be downloaded from the website, or obtained from the Psychology Department or from the Graduate Office.

All of the above materials must be submitted in one packet to:

Psychology Department  
Francis Marion University  
PO Box 100547  
Florence, SC 29502-0547

Completed applications are reviewed for merit by the Department of Psychology Graduate Committee. Determination of merit is based upon consideration of all components of the application packet. In the admissions decision process, consideration is given to both the merit of each application received and to the number of slots available in the program at the time of application. Offers for admission are given to those applicants who show the most promise of success in graduate studies.

To be guaranteed timely consideration for acceptance into the Master of Science in Applied Psychology program, all of the above materials must be submitted no later than:

Fall Admission: February 15\*  
Spring Admission: October 15

**\*NOTE:** Applicants wishing to enter the School Psychology option at the MSAP level are only accepted for the Fall Admission Application Cycle. Applicants with a previously obtained master's degree who are applying for only the SSP portion of the School Psychology Option may apply during either the Fall or Spring Application Cycle.

Complete applications are reviewed as received in a rolling admissions process until the above noted deadlines. Applicants should submit their application materials as early in the application cycle as they are able to assemble a complete application packet.

Application materials received after the application deadlines may still be considered for admission contingent upon the availability of positions within the program. It is the applicant's responsibility to gather all materials to complete his/her application. Only completed applications (with all required materials) will be reviewed for possible admission.

To receive an application or for any questions, please call the FMU Graduate Office at 843-661-1284. For more information about the program and to view admissions data for recent incoming MSAP classes, please visit the Psychology Department webpage at [www.fmupsychology.com](http://www.fmupsychology.com).

### GRADUATE NON-DEGREE STATUS

As stated above, graduate non-degree students typically already possess a graduate degree and wish to take a specific course or courses only for professional growth, certification upgrade, or recertification/license renewal. To be considered for admission as a graduate non-degree student, one must complete the following steps:

1. Submit a graduate application for admission and pay the nonrefundable graduate application fee.
2. Submit official transcript(s) of all undergraduate and graduate work.
3. Provide the department with a written statement specifying the course(s) for which admissions is being sought and why. The granting of this request is entirely at the discretion of the department. Unless part of a program of study previously approved, step three must be repeated for each course.
4. Non-degree students must maintain a grade of B or better in each graduate course taken at FMU in order to take additional courses.
5. A graduate non-degree student who wishes to become a graduate degree student may apply toward the degree program only 12 hours of graduate work taken as a graduate non-degree student.

### COURSE REPETITION

Only a grade lower than B can be raised by repetition of the course; a re-examination is not permitted. Any course that is repeated must be retaken at FMU. A course may be repeated only once. Psychology graduate students may repeat only one course. That one course may be repeated only with written approval from the department chairperson. Only the higher grade of the repeated course will be counted in the calculation of the grade point average.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE

To receive a Master's Degree in Applied Psychology in Clinical/Counseling Psychology from FMU, a student must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 60 graduate hours, which include nine (9) credit hours of practicum hours.
  - a) Basic Core Courses . . . . .15 hours  
PSY 602 Biological Basis of Behavior  
PSY 605 Personality and Social Psychology  
PSY 632 Quantitative Psychology  
PSY 634 Developmental Psychology