Graduate School Advising Guide

What do you want to do?

TEACH

What age group?

≤ High School

School

College +

Ph.D.

Education Degree

(Talk to Education Dept)

RESEARCH

What topic?

• Development
• Social
• Cognitive
• Clinical
• Health
• Neuroscience
• Etc.

Ph.D.

RESEARCH

No research?

Masters Degree

MSW

MEd

MA

MFT

Ph.D.

COUNSEL

Research too?!

Clinical or Counseling Ph.D.

But I have a lot of $$$$, really want to be “Dr.” and don’t care about getting into an APA-accredited internship

Psy.D.

Ph.D.

PSYCHOLOGICAL

MENTAL

HEALTH

CAREERS

Table

Masters Degree

See Mental Health Careers Table

Ph.D.

Marketing, Human Resources, Industry

Cool! Jump right in or check out an MBA, Masters or Ph.D. in Industrial Organizational or Social Psychology, and talk to the Business Dept!

Ph.D.

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Psy.D.

Psy.D.
What you should know about applying to Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Programs

Acceptance rates for M.D. and research-oriented Ph.D. programs...
- Medical School-42%
- School Psychology-31%
- Industrial-Organizational-27%
- Developmental-20%
- Cognitive-16%
- Health-16%
- Neuroscience-15%
- Social or Personality-12%
- Counseling-8%
- CLINICAL-6% (top programs even lower)

To greatly increase your chance of acceptance...
- Research, Research, Research...programs don’t care about clinical experience
  - Doing research in the psychology department at Furman is GREAT but not enough 😃
- Post-Baccalaureate Research
  - 2+ years, full-time & paid
  - Clinical research experience
  - Publications & conference presentations
- Recommendation letters from clinical psychology researchers or well-known psychiatry researchers (Insider’s game)
- Consider research-oriented Master’s program if low GPA (mean=3.5 for accepted students) or insufficient research experience
- GREs over 1200 (mean=1283 for combined quantitative and verbal scores)
- Apply to ~11-14 programs