

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 care less about clinical experience
 - Doing research as an undergrad 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 a Counseling or Research-Oriented Master's program if low GPA (mean=3.5 for accepted students)
- GREs over 1200 or ~300 for new scoring system (mean=1283 for combined quantitative and verbal scores)
- Apply to ~11-14 programs

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What do you want to do?

