

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Science in Community Psychology program is designed for students interested in working within communities to affect changes that enhance the opportunities of all members, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable.

Students will learn how a community-based social justice perspective recognizes inequalities and promotes the exercise of greater power (access to resources and decision-making) for communities that have been marginalized, and creates ties to advocacy work with oppressed populations.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of the program will develop:

- Knowledge base in psychology
 - Describe major community psychology theories in depth
- Scientific mindedness
 - Design research studies, then collect, analyze and report data
- Ethical and social responsibility in a diverse world
 - Apply the ethical standards of psychology
- Communication
 - Demonstrate competence in written, oral, and interpersonal communication
- Professional Development
 - Demonstrate a high level of professional performance

CURRICULUM

Students are required to complete 48 quarter hours to confer the MS degree. Within this 48-hour program, students must also complete a fieldwork-based internship or, in selected cases, a traditional master's thesis or a capstone research project. The curriculum highlights three facets of psychology as a domain of inquiry:

- **Theory:** the knowledge and theory relevant to the many areas of psychological study
- **Research:** the methodologies and skills whereby the science of psychology is advanced
- **Application:** the use of psychology for the benefit of individuals and society

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Research Core Courses

(three courses, 12 quarter hours)

- PSY 410 Advanced Statistics I
- PSY 411 Advanced Statistics II
- PSY 421 Applied Research Design

Graduate Basic Core

(two courses, eight quarter hours)

- PSY 474 Developmental Trauma
- PSY 476 Social Psychology of Trauma

Community Psychology:

(four courses, 16 quarter hours)

- PSY 492 Principles of Consultation
- PSY 520 Principles of Human Diversity
- PSY 569 Seminar in Program Evaluation
- PSY 654 Advanced Community Psychology

Elective Courses*

(three courses, 12 quarter hours)

Students may choose from a variety of electives across multiple disciplines based on individual interest.

Culminating Experience

PSY 585 Fieldwork

TRAUMA CERTIFICATE

Beginning Fall 2023, we will offer a four-course Trauma Psychology Certificate. PSY 471 Psychology of Trauma PSY 472 Psy Disaster and Crisis Intervention PSY 474 Developmental Trauma PSY 476 Social Psychology of Trauma

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The application process takes place once per year. Students are accepted as a cohort and will begin taking courses in the Autumn Quarter. For students completing two courses per quarter, the program will last two years.

Preference is given to applicants who have a demonstrated interest in community psychology and who have some background in science and mathematics. To be considered, applicants are advised to have completed approximately six upper level psychology or related discipline courses, including a four-quarter hour (three-semester hour) elementary statistics course and a four-quarter hour research methods course. Students who do not have an undergraduate major in psychology but who otherwise satisfy the admission requirements may apply.



To apply, please submit the following:

- A completed online application
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Official scores from the general GRE if taken
- Three letters of recommendation
- Current CV
- A one-to-two page personal statement
- Psychology course history list
- Community psychology-related volunteer or employment activities

Students educated outside of the U.S. must provide a credit evaluation and proof of English proficiency by submitting a TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo score. Visit the program website or go.depaul.edu/cshinternational for more information.

HOW TO APPLY

Online applications can be submitted at go.depaul.edu/apply. Application credentials including letters of recommendation, personal statement and course history can be submitted through the online application at graddepaul@depaul.edu. Additionally, official electronic transcripts can be emailed to gradtranscripts@depaul.edu directly by the issuing institution. Unofficial transcripts can be submitted for the application review. Official transcripts will be required upon admission. Please make sure your name is on all documents.

Transcripts also can be mailed to:

The Office of Graduate Admission
College of Science and Health
DePaul University
2400 N. Sheffield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

The deadline for fall admission is May 1. Final admission decisions will be completed by May 15. Student cohorts begin in the Autumn Quarter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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