

Information and Informed Consent to Participate in the Admissions Screening, Evaluation, and Interview Process Conducted by the Admissions Committee

I. PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

We embrace the cognitive-behavioral orientation, and believe people must be understood within their myriad and intersecting contexts (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation, age, cultural background). The Program operates according to a scientist-practitioner model based on the premise that there is synergy between the practice and science of psychology. Thus, the science and practice of psychology are integrated throughout our curriculum. The objectives of the Program are to educate students about: (1) issues that presently define the knowledge base in clinical psychology; (2) clinical skills needed to become ethical and competent practitioners; and (3) processes of learning and problem-solving that will be needed regardless of their professional career path. Additionally, depending on their particular career trajectories, students may take elective coursework or practica to augment their clinical and/or research skills. Our faculty approach clinical work from a variety of theoretical perspectives including cognitive-behavioral, psychodynamic, and emotion-focused. At graduation, our students are prepared to work in academic, research, and practice settings.

II. PURPOSE OF THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

A major goal of our program is retention and graduation of admitted students within the prescribed time limits, a goal best accomplished by selecting applicants who have the educational foundation, motivation, and personality characteristics required to successfully complete an intensive and rigorous doctoral program. Applicants who pass the initial screening are required to participate in a personal interview conducted by the doctoral admissions committee, interested faculty, and currently enrolled doctoral students.

Admission to the program is competitive, and is granted jointly by the Graduate School and the Clinical Adolescent Psychology Program. A limited number of slots (about 6 to 8) is available annually with entry in the fall semester only. Because of the competitive nature of the process, meeting minimal standards does not guarantee admission. Invitations for a personal interview with the admissions committee will be made to designated applicants who have passed the initial screening. In cases where such an interview would impose a financial hardship, a telephone or Skype interview may be arranged.

The program recommends admission to the Graduate School, and the Graduate School, in turn, monitors procedures and minimum requirements and makes the final decision on your admission. All applicants are notified in writing of the admission committee's recommendation to the Graduate School no later than April 1. The Graduate School will inform applicants of their final admissions status by a separate letter.

III. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. The minimum requirement for admission is a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with at least 24 semester hours of psychology coursework in all of these domains: abnormal; developmental; experimental or research methods; learning or cognition; personality; psychophysiology; statistics; and social psychology.

2. The Division of Graduate Studies requires a minimum GPA of 3.00 (4.00 scale) on the applicant's most recent level of coursework. The applicant must provide official transcripts of all post-secondary academic work sent from institutions directly to the Admissions committee.
3. The program does not use specific GRE cut-off scores in the admissions process, however, submission of GRE scores prior to the application deadline is required. The GRE subject test in Psychology is also preferred but not required. Scores from GRE administrations prior to 1/15/2004 will not be accepted. The applicant must provide an official copy of GRE test scores sent from ETS directly to the Review Committee. When sending scores to Prairie View A&M University, please use **code 6580**.
4. Completion of the Clinical Adolescent Psychology Doctoral Program Application.
5. A vita or resume must be submitted to the Admissions Committee.
6. Three letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to assess the applicant academic and professional potential must be submitted directly to the Admissions Committee. A minimum of two letters must be written by faculty members or faculty mentors familiar with your academic performance; the third letter may be written by qualified individuals who have supervised any previous clinical or research work. Please send no more than four letters.
7. Applicants who are currently enrolled in a degree program must submit additional letters from their program director certifying that the applicant is in good standing and will complete all program requirements leading to graduation prior to August 15, 2015
8. Applicants who have been enrolled in a graduate degree program that was not completed must submit an additional letter from their program director explaining the circumstances surrounding the non-completion. The letter must also certify that the applicant is eligible to return to the program as a student in good standing.
9. An acceptable score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) must be submitted, if applicable.

IV. ETHICAL ISSUES

Throughout the screening, interview, and evaluation phases all admissions data (applicant files, other publicly available documents and interview data) are evaluated for evidence indicating a situation where admission to the program places the applicant or program faculty at risk for conflict with the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct (APA, 2002).

V. EVALUATION DOMAINS

Using all admissions data (applicant files, other publicly available documents and interview data) the Clinical Admissions Committee evaluates the prospective doctoral applicant along the following domains:

1. Academic aptitude for doctoral-level studies;
2. Understanding & appreciation of diversity issues;
3. Understanding & appreciation of the program's requirements;

4. Previous professional or training experience in a clinical services setting;
5. Previous research experience and dissemination history;
6. Characterological suitability to perform as a Clinical Psychologist;
7. Verbal communication skills;
8. Interpersonal relations skills;
9. Professional demeanor, and;
10. If necessary, additional clarification of issues observed in the application materials.

VI. NOTICE REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK(S):

Criminal background checks are not currently required as part of the admission process to the Clinical Adolescent Psychology program at Prairie View A&M University. However, all applicants should be aware that various agencies that provide the practicum, externship and pre-doctoral internship training opportunities may require a criminal background check prior to placement. These agencies are external to the University and may set or revise placement policies at any time; a background check with negative results could result in a student's ineligibility for enrollment in clinical training courses and subsequent dismissal from the program. The PhD. In Clinical Psychology at Prairie View A&M University cannot be completed without the successful completion of all coursework.

VII. PRIVACY RIGHTS

All applicants have certain privacy rights defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

VIII. CONSENT

"I have reviewed the material in sections 1 through 7 above and understand the admissions screening, evaluation, interview, and selection process. I agree to participate in the admissions screening, evaluation, interview, and selection process."

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

The Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at Prairie View A&M University Application

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: This document can be completed using Microsoft Word™. Place the cursor on the gray block next to each item and begin typing; the size of the text field will adjust automatically. To use the check boxes, simply click on the box to insert or remove checkmarks. Use Ctrl+Tab to tab within an item field. Print, sign, and mail the form when it is completed.

I. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Date: _____ Social Security #: _____

Name (last, first, middle): _____

Current Address:

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Permanent Address:

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (home): _____

Phone (cell): _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Sex: Female Male Veteran: Yes No Disabled : Yes No

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

(Optional) Please identify your ethnicity:

African American

Caucasian

Hispanic

Multi-Ethnic

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Asian or Pacific Islander

Choose not to respond

Other (please specify) _____

Are you a resident of Texas? Yes No Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No If you are not a U.S. citizen, is your visa current and valid? Yes No Does your visa permit you to work? Yes No

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

Three letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to assess the applicant's academic and professional potential must be submitted directly to the program. A minimum of two letters must be written by faculty members of faculty mentors familiar with your academic performance; the third letter may be written by qualified individuals who have supervised any previous clinical or research work. Please send no more than four letters.

RECOMMENDATION #1

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

RECOMMENDATION #2

Name: : _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

City : _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

RECOMMENDATION #3

Name: _____
 Address 1: _____
 Address 2: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

RECOMMENDATION #4

Name: : _____
 Address 1: _____
 Address 2: _____
 City : _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

III. ACADEMIC HISTORY

Please report your highest earned score for each of the following GRE tests:

GRE Verbal Score ____ GRE Quantitative Score ____ GRE Writing Score ____

Please use **code 6580** when sending GRE scores to Prairie View A&M University.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED (TRANSCRIPT REQUIRED FOR EACH)

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Course# and Title:	Institution	Dates	Grade	Hrs.

Are you an author or co-author of a publication in a refereed national or international journal? If so, please provide complete APA-style citations below:

Are you an author or co-author of a publication in a refereed regional or state journal? If so, please provide complete APA-style citations below:

Are you an author or co-author of a published book chapter, manual, or abstract? If so, please provide complete APA-style citations below:

Are you an author or co-author of a presentation at a national or international conference? If so, please provide complete APA-style citations below:

Are you an author or co-author of a presentation at a regional, state, or local conference? If so, please provide complete APA-style citations below:

VI. PERSONAL ESSAYS

Instructions: Please answer each question in **600 words or less**. Responding to these questions is an opportunity for you to provide the program with some information about yourself. (It is entirely up to you to decide what information you wish to provide.) Place the cursor on the gray block next to each item and begin typing; the size of the text field will adjust automatically. Use Ctrl+Tab to tab within an item field.

What kind of career in psychology would you like to 6-8 years from now, and in what type of setting?

How did you first become interested in psychology, and why did you decide to make it your career?

Please describe your research experience and interests.

Please describe your clinical experience and interests.

If there are any particular faculty members with whom you would like to work, please list the faculty member(s) and explain why. Please refer to program website for faculty research and clinical interests.

Please explain why you chose to apply for this program and how you envision our doctoral program meeting your training goals and interests.

What do you think are the greatest strengths and weaknesses in your application? Do you have any special qualifications or expertise? If so, explain.

If you previously have been enrolled in any graduate program that you did not complete, please explain why.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Has disciplinary action, in writing, of any sort ever been taken against you by a supervisor, educational or training institution, health care institution, professional association, or licensing/certification board?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Are there any complaints currently pending against you before any of the above bodies?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Has there ever been a decision in a civil suit rendered against you relative to your professional work, or is any such action pending?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been asked to withdraw from a practicum or externship assignment?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Have you resigned from or ever been placed on probationary status, suspended, terminated, or asked to resign by a graduate training program, an internship training program, practicum or externship site, or employer?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever broken an APPIC internship match agreement (i.e., refused to attend or left an internship program that you obtained through the APPIC Match or Clearinghouse) without prior approval from APPIC and the internship site?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

DEADLINES: The deadline for the submission of all application materials is February 1. This program has admission during the fall semester only. Applicant portfolios that remain incomplete after this date may not be evaluated by the review committee.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS: The program review committee will review all complete applications shortly after the submission deadline. Prospective students will be notified whether he or she will be offered an interview; interviews will take place around March 1st. After the interview process is complete, interviewees who are accepted will be extended offers to participate in the program by March 30th. Students extended offers to our program must declare their acceptance by April 15th.

Prairie View A&M University is committed to the principles of equal education opportunity, equal employment, and affirmative action. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, handicap, age, religion, national origin, veteran status, or on any other illegal basis.

“I hereby affirm that to the best of my knowledge all information furnished on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that withholding information requested or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to or continuation in the clinical psychology doctoral program at Prairie View A&M University.”

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

APPLICANT CHECK LIST

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO PVAMU's DIVISION OF GRADUATE STUDIES BY FEBRUARY 1ST:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1.	Application for admission to the Graduate School. This is an online application: www.ApplyTexas.org
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.	Two official copies of transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges and universities attended.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.	All applicants must submit immunization records showing proof of immunization compliance for measles and rubella, if born after December 1957.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4.	International applicants must submit satisfactory TOEFL scores.
<input type="checkbox"/> 5.	International applicants must also file a Certified Declaration of Financial Support with the University Division of International Studies.

Send the above materials to: applypsychology@pvamu.edu

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THE CLINICAL ADOLESCENT PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE BY FEBRUARY 1ST:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1.	Copies of items 1 through 5 above.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.	Official copy of GRE Test scores sent from ETS directly to the Admissions Committee. Please use code 6580 when sending GRE scores to Prairie View A&M University.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.	Completed and submitted online program application to the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at Prairie View A&M University (applypsychology@pvamu.edu).
<input type="checkbox"/> 4.	Three letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to assess the applicant's academic and professional potential must be submitted directly to the Admissions Committee (applypsychology@pvamu.edu). A minimum of two letters must be written by faculty members familiar with your academic performance; the third letter may be written by qualified individuals who have supervised any previous clinical or research work. Please send no more than four letters. Note: Each recommendation must be sent to applypsychology@pvamu.edu.
<input type="checkbox"/> 5.	A vita/resume
<input type="checkbox"/> 6.	Although no other materials are required you are invited to submit other information that might be helpful to the committee in the evaluation of your application.

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