



# CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (PSYD)



## A Brighter World Starts with the Mind.


### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Students enrolled in our Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Clinical Psychology program focus on the psychological aspects of health while considering medical and biopsychosocial considerations in treating the whole person.

They also have the opportunity to train in a broad range of clinical settings, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary care and service. Clinical psychologists work with individuals, families and groups in many settings, including hospitals, prisons, community settings and private practices.

At Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), all of our students learn to treat the whole person by considering the physical, environmental and psychological aspects of person-centered care. PCOM offers all students unique, experiential learning opportunities—equipping them with skill sets that give them a competitive edge when applying to jobs after they graduate.

**PCOM'S CLINICAL  
PSYD PROGRAM  
IS ACCREDITED  
BY THE AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION.**

 Diversity, equity and inclusion remain at the forefront of our mission. PCOM actively nurtures an environment of curiosity and respect, promoting the discovery and celebration of our differences.

# STUDENTS STUDY THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND COGNITIVE PROCESSES THAT CONSTITUTE LEARNING AND HOW THESE PROCESSES CONTRIBUTE TO STUDENT SUCCESS.

✦ SINCE 2015, PCOM STUDENTS HAVE HAD A 100% PSYCHOLOGY-INTERNSHIP MATCH RATE IN THE ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGY POSTDOCTORAL AND INTERNSHIP CENTERS (APPIC) INTERNSHIP MATCHING PROGRAM.

✦ OUR PROGRAMS HAVE A MULTICULTURAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOCUS THAT PREPARES STUDENTS TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON PLURALISTIC SYSTEMS AND COMMUNITIES.

✦ OUR IPE COURSES PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AS A TEAM WITH STUDENTS FROM OTHER PROGRAMS—MAXIMIZING EFFECTIVENESS OF PATIENT CARE.

## CURRICULUM

Our program's curriculum is based in cognitive behavioral theory and empirically supported treatments addressing the most current developments in psychology, with enhanced learning through practical clinical applications.

**YEARS 1-2:** During the first two years, students take didactic courses that cover the scientific and clinical foundations of psychology, in addition to labs for skills training. They work with standardized patient actors to gain clinical experience and formative feedback on the skills developed in class.

**YEARS 3-4:** In years three and four, students work in the field and attend seminars to integrate their knowledge of theory and research with practicum experience. During this time, they also work with a mentor through the dissertation process.

**YEAR 5:** The final year will consist of an intensive, year-long, supervised internship, acquired through the APPIC process, to further develop, practice and integrate new clinical skills. It represents the culmination of the doctoral experience—the last practical training step before earning the doctoral degree.

## LOCATION

Our campus is located on the beautiful outskirts of Philadelphia, an ideal environment to build a network and launch a career in the world of healthcare.



**To find out more about our admissions requirements or to apply, please visit [pcom.edu/admissions](https://pcom.edu/admissions).**

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