

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (MS)

The material in this packet is to be used by those applying to the Master of Science in School Psychology program.

As an applicant to the Master of Science program in School Psychology at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, you are responsible for ensuring that all admissions materials are completed accurately and submitted on time.

Admissions materials consist of:

- Application, including autobiographical statement
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and/or graduate work
- Three letters of recommendation and enclosed recommendation forms
- Miller Analogies Test or Graduate Record Examination (general test) scores (forwarded directly from testing service)
- \$50 application fee (waived if application submitted online)

Admissions Application

Applicant Data

Enter your full legal name; do not substitute initials for a name.

Letters of Recommendation and Associated Forms

Please note: A letter of recommendation and the recommendation form checklist should be submitted by each of three people who are familiar with your academic or professional work. Applicants are strongly encouraged to follow up with their recommenders. Enter your name on each form and indicate whether or not you waive your right to review the completed recommendation. Along with each form, include a stamped envelope addressed to:

**Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Office of Admissions
4170 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131-1694**

All documents received by the college in connection with applications for admission become the property of PCOM. Under no circumstance will they be returned to the applicant or forwarded to any agency or other college or university. Application fees are non-refundable. Please submit complete application forms.

Applicants are responsible for ascertaining, with the Office of Admissions, that all application materials have been received by PCOM.

(see reverse side for admission requirements)

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

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For matriculation into the master's program, the applicant must have completed a bachelor's program at an accredited institution, with a B average (3.0) or better. The Department of Psychology uses the following data for making decisions concerning admission to the master's program:

- Application, including autobiographical statement
- Quality of previous academic work
- Official transcripts required for verification
- Personal and professional qualities as represented by:
 - three letters of recommendation AND recommendation forms
 - personal interview (at option of Admissions Committee)
 - writing sample, which may be requested at the time of interview
- GRE or MAT Test

Admission to graduate study does not imply admission to candidacy for the EdS or doctorate.

Program Prerequisites

In order to ensure that program courses be taught at the highest possible level, applicants must have completed, prior to admission, the following courses:

- 6 credits of English
- 6 credits of Math
- Abnormal Psychology/Psychopathology or Exceptional Children
- Child Psychology and/or Adolescent Psychology
- 9 credits of psychology or relevant electives approved by the Admissions committee to total 15 semester credit hours of preparation for graduate study in school psychology

Program of Study

The Master of Science in School Psychology is a program that focuses on strengthening skills and increasing knowledge of the field of school psychology.

Transfer of Credit

A maximum of 6 credits for graduate courses taken at accredited colleges within the last five years may be applied toward the MS program credit requirements pending approval from the Program Director. Students must submit course syllabi, instructor materials, textbooks used and official transcripts to the Program Director when applying for transfer credit. Only classes for which the student received a grade of B (3.0) or better will be considered for credit transfer.

Students entering the program must have a computer and a PCOM e-mail account so they can easily access departmental e-mail messages.