

Enhancing the Potential to Learn.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our goal at PCOM is to provide advanced training for school psychologists, school counselors and school social workers, or those in a related field who have completed a master's degree and are seeking additional skills and expanded career opportunities.

Providing a flexible and accessible education for our students is our priority at PCOM. While the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program is designed to be completed in three years of full-time study, students can choose to pursue a degree on a part-time basis. Because the program is geared toward working professionals, the majority of classes are offered in the late afternoon and early evening. There is no formal practicum or internship associated with this program, as graduates are not eligible to sit for licensure as psychologists. A career in educational psychology can empower you to make a positive impact in other people's lives.

OUR PROGRAM
PREPARES
GRADUATES TO
MAKE A POSITIVE
IMPACT IN THEIR
COMMUNITY
AT LARGE.

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 THEY CONTRIBUTE TO STUDENT SUCCESS.

- OUR UNIQUE PROGRAM
 STRUCTURE EXPOSES PCOM
 STUDENTS TO AN EXPERIENTIAL
 AND HANDS-ON APPROACH
 TO LEARNING.
- OUR RENOWNED FACULTY

 MEMBERS MENTOR STUDENTS

 AND PROVIDE A COLLABORATIVE

 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.
- GRADUATES OF THIS PROGRAM
 WILL BE BETTER PREPARED
 TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP
 ROLES WITHIN EDUCATIONAL
 SYSTEMS SUCH AS SERVING
 ON SCHOOL BOARDS, HIGHER
 EDUCATION COMMISSIONS AND
 DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION.

CURRICULUM

Our PhD program is designed to be completed in three years of full-time study, although students may choose to pursue a degree on a part-time basis.

Coursework is delivered in a hybrid format, with both online and on-campus classes.

The PhD in Educational Psychology program requires the successful completion of approximately 35-40 credits, with individualized course plans developed collaboratively between each student and the program director. Students will complete required coursework in educational psychology, research, and statistics, and may choose from areas of specialization including: applied behavior analysis, cognitive behavior therapy, neuropsychological assessment, and organizational development and leadership.

As a capstone experience, students must complete a doctoral dissertation—a substantially independent research study of sufficient quality and rigor to have the potential to contribute to the scientific knowledge base.

LOCATION

Our main campus is located on the outskirts of Philadelphia and features a gym, a cafeteria, meditation spaces, a digital library, computer labs and more.



To find out more about our admissions requirements or to apply, please visit <u>pcom.edu/admissions</u>.