

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (PsyD)

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

As an applicant to the Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology (PsyD) program 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 graduate work
- Three letters of recommendation and enclosed recommendation forms
- PRAXIS II School Psychology Specialty Exam Scores
- \$50 application fee (waived if application submitted online)
- Copy of certification as a School Psychologist

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

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (PsyD)

An applicant to the doctor of psychology in school psychology program must have completed a master's degree in school psychology or a related field at a regionally accredited college or university, with a grade point average of 3.00 or better.

Applicants must have completed, prior to admission, all courses required for state certification in school psychology. In addition, it is expected that all candidates will have had the equivalent of at least one 3-credit course in each of the core foundation areas for a degree in psychology as follows: ethics, research, statistics, psychometric theory, biological basis of behavior, cognitive-affective bases of behavior, social bases of behavior and individual differences. Transcripts will be carefully reviewed by the Admissions Committee and a plan for remediation of any incomplete prerequisite requirements will be developed as a conditional acceptance into the program.

The Department of Psychology uses the following data for making decisions concerning admission to the School PsyD 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, requested at the time of interview
- Successful completion of PRAXIS II School Psychology Specialty Exam (0401)

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

Program of Study

The PsyD program is an 57-credit, multi-year curriculum designed for in-career professionals. The curriculum integrates the PCOM Department of Psychology's interdisciplinary core graduate courses, the competencies listed by the National Council of Schools of Professional Psychology and the core areas recommended by the National Association of School Psychology.

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

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