We review our applications the same way our students take on challenges — with a holistic approach. Transcripts and test scores are important, however we evaluate our prospective students as complete individuals.

To find out more about our admissions requirements, please visit pcom.edu/admissions.
Our goal at PCOM is to provide advanced training for school psychologists, educators, social workers and other individuals who have completed a master’s degree, have obtained professional certification, and are seeking additional skills and expanded career opportunities.

As a student in the Doctor of Philosophy program (PhD) in Educational Psychology at PCOM, you will:

- Gain further understanding of the educational and psychological processes involved in learning.
- Apply human development and learning theories in order to inform instructional procedures.
- Study the social, emotional, and cognitive processes that constitute learning and how these processes contribute to student success.

In today’s challenging educational environment, organizations need highly effective professionals equipped to make a positive impact on student outcomes.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine has been at the forefront of medicine for more than a century.

Our unique program structure exposes PCOM students to an integrated, team-oriented approach to learning.

Many PCOM students are highly engaged in their communities through a wide variety of philanthropic efforts and advocacy.

Osteopathic medicine emphasizes total wellness — in body, mind and spirit. In every discipline, we learn to treat the whole human by considering physical, environmental and psychological aspects of a problem.

The additional skill sets students gain at PCOM empower them to impact humanity.

We teach not just how to treat problems but how to prevent them altogether.

ENHANCING THE POTENTIAL TO LEARN
HEALTHIER CHILDREN AND HEALTHIER SCHOOLS

The 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. 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 and graduates are not eligible to sit for licensure as psychologists.

HELP A CHILD, HELP THE WORLD

Families, educators, healthcare providers and the community at large have all lived healthier lives thanks to school psychologists. School psychologists and behavioral specialists provide a full range of psychological and educational services, from assessments to consultations with teachers and parents on various academic and system issues.

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.

PhD IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

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
- 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.

Our program prepares graduates to collaborate and form partnerships with families, educators, healthcare providers and the community at large.

Our renowned faculty members mentor students and provide a collaborative learning environment.
For more than a century, we’ve educated talented physicians, health practitioners and behavioral scientists who focus on the whole person instead of individual symptoms.

Our main campus is located on the beautiful outskirts of Philadelphia, a city that boasts some of the top hospitals and medical schools in the nation. It’s the perfect environment to build a network and launch a career in the world of health care.

Evans Hall is the main building on campus, featuring video-equipped amphitheaters, a cafeteria, research and anatomy labs, a digital library, an osteopathic manipulative medicine lab and more.

At Rowland Hall, students will find the Dr. Michael and Wendy Saltzburg Clinical Learning and Assessment Center, classrooms, study areas, computer labs, the college bookstore, student services, academic offices and other support operations.

Our students are just as committed to the community as they are to their classwork. More than 50 student organizations at PCOM are actively making a difference in people’s lives. And our three PCOM Healthcare Centers serve people who need care in urban areas of Philadelphia and rural Sullivan County. We even have a location on campus to treat community members.