



POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY (MS)



A Happier You in Mind and Body.


PROGRAM OVERVIEW


Our positive psychology degree prioritizes the importance of the mind-body connection in nurturing strengths and achieving wellness for the whole person.

The online **Master of Applied Positive Psychology (MAPP)** program gives educational and training options for students interested in grounding themselves academically and practically in a positive, psychology-based orientation to helping others. The program also prepares students to pursue doctoral studies in psychology, expanding career options to include wellness coaching/consulting, teaching and health navigation, to name a few.

Whatever role you choose, you will be able to leverage the knowledge, skills and attitudes of an outlook rooted in seeing the best in yourself and others. Our program is designed to create thought leaders who rely on both science and heart to transform systems by focusing on strengths and growth. We are focused on building a workforce of the future that is well equipped with practical approaches to fostering compassion, kindness, love and achievement on a regional, national and global scale.

**OUR GRADUATES
HAVE AN ADVANTAGE
WHEN APPLYING
TO JOBS AFTER
GRADUATION,
WITH SKILLS IN
MOTIVATIONAL
INTERVIEWING,
GROUP FACILITATION
AND MINDFULNESS.**

 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 LEARN TO USE POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY INTERVENTIONS THAT FOCUS ON PERSONAL STRENGTHS, GRATITUDE, KINDNESS, PURPOSE AND LOVE.

- + FEEL MORE CONFIDENT IN TAKING RESEARCH-INFORMED PROJECTS FROM CONCEPT, TO IMPLEMENTATION, TO EVALUATION.
- + GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF KEY MOTIVATIONAL PRINCIPLES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FROM A BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL PERSPECTIVE.
- + OUR ONLINE FORMAT PROVIDES CONVENIENCE AND FLEXIBILITY TO ATTEND CLASSES REGARDLESS OF LOCATION.

PROGRAM BASICS

Catering to those with full-time jobs, our remote one-year program equips students with a culturally sensitive, strengths-based, “human flourishing” model to enhance wellness, life satisfaction and optimal functioning among individuals, families, communities and organizations. The MAPP program blends positive psychological theory, research and applied approaches in the areas of health behavior change, human development, education and leadership. You will explore innovative whole-person strategies to strengthen resilience at biological, social, cognitive, emotional, behavioral and spiritual levels. Plus, you will learn to critically evaluate research outcomes in positive psychology to inform practical ways of catalyzing change within clinical, community-based and corporate organizations.

DURING THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS WILL:

- » Apply a positive psychology and biopsychosocial framework to preventive health and disease management
- » Understand human development and diversity through a positive psychology lens
- » Identify and elaborate on the intersection between cognitive behavior therapy and positive psychology
- » Learn psychoeducational group facilitation skills in the “A Happier You” and “Health Support” programs
- » Complete a capstone thesis that consists of developing, implementing and evaluating a positive psychology project
- » Complete practicum experience over the year in existing positive psychology and clinical health psychology programs by participating in the “A Happier You” and “Health Support” programs

DESCRIPTION OF ONLINE FORMAT

Our MAPP program is offered online* and includes both synchronous and asynchronous components. The synchronous format allows for real-time interaction with instructors and peers. The asynchronous format allows our students to complete the coursework on their own time and schedule.

*PCOM fully online courses are open only to applicants who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents for the academic year.



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