

# Become Equipped to Serve a Wide Range of Clients

We live in a complex world, and many individuals today need support in learning to live and thrive within this complexity. The Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) program—the recognized degree for practitioners in clinical psychology—equips you to make a positive impact in the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Azusa Pacific’s thoughtfully designed practitioner-scholar Psy.D. program focuses on systems thinking, diversity, and the integration of faith and spirituality into clinical practice to prepare graduates as professionals who can synthesize the science and practice of psychology to make a difference in the lives of others.

## Financing Your Education

Grants, scholarships, loans, and company reimbursement are among the financial aid opportunities that may be available to help you complete your degree. We are committed to helping you understand and find resources for the costs of pursuing your education.

For the most current financial aid information, contact the Office of Graduate and Professional Student Financial Services at (626) 815-4570 or [gpc@apu.edu](mailto:gpc@apu.edu), or visit [apu.edu/gpc/sfs/](http://apu.edu/gpc/sfs/).

## Take the Next Step

Learn more about the Psy.D. program, including admissions requirements, curriculum, and program faculty, at [apu.edu/psyd/](http://apu.edu/psyd/), or contact Jacki Deyo, Psy.D. program coordinator, at [jmdeyo@apu.edu](mailto:jmdeyo@apu.edu) or (626) 815-5008.

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Application deadline ■ January 15

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I had an amazing experience in the program. My professors taught me to have confidence in my God-given abilities, and the respect and support I received from them was outstanding. Each student is treated as an individual, and professors tailor lectures, group discussion, practicum, and internship plans toward the individual student. If that type of specified training is what you are interested in, this program may be the best match for you.

**Capt. Brandon Watties, Psy.D. '15**  
United States Army



Department of Clinical Psychology

## School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences

# Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology





Prepare to Help People Thrive

With APU’s Psy.D. program, you’ll develop the knowledge and skills to serve a wide range of clients in a variety of diverse settings. Study with experienced faculty-practitioners who maintain active careers in the profession. Throughout the coursework, benefit from APU’s intentional integration of how Christian values inform the practice of psychology.

Program Highlights:

- Graduate having met the education requirements to pursue licensure through the California Board of Psychology.
- Choose your pace: Take the traditional 5-year path or a less intensive, 6-year curriculum plan.
- Learn from faculty-mentors who bring extensive professional experience into the classroom.

At a Glance

Units:

133

Average Completion Time:

5-6 years

Location:

Azusa

(Main Campus)

Accredited By:\*

APA and WSCUC

*\*The Psy.D. is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) Commission on Accreditation: 750 First St. NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, (202) 336-5500; and the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).*

Design Your Clinical Dissertation

Choose a dissertation topic and chair based on your professional interests and goals. Your chair will support you from initial concept through completion in a process designed to help you develop competence in research application.

Focus on Seven Core Competencies

The Psy.D. program utilizes a competency-based training model consistent with the 2009 revision of the APA Commission on Accreditation’s Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation of Programs in Professional Psychology. The National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology has identified seven core objectives/competencies:

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| 1. Relationship | 4. Research  | 6. Consultation |
| 2. Assessment   | 5. Diversity | 7. Supervision  |
| 3. Intervention |              |                 |



Teaching-Research Assistantships

A number of teaching-research assistantships (TRAs) are available each academic year for Psy.D. students. You may apply for a TRA for the first four years of your program. TRAs receive a \$9,000 scholarship per year, available up to four years for a total of \$36,000. Recipients provide 8 hours of service per week.

Diverse Clinical Training Experiences

Acquire the essential knowledge, attitudes, and therapeutic skills of clinical psychology through a variety of clinical experiences with diverse clients. Clinical training involves three years of practicum and a full-time, year-long internship (a limited number of two-year, half-time internships are available in some settings). Complete a minimum of 1,500 hours of clinical training at practicum settings such as community clinics, medical settings, university counseling centers, forensic sites, and VAs. Concurrent with the supervised practicum, you will participate in an on-campus course that provides a forum for reviewing the practicum experience.

Explore Opportunities in Global Psychology

- Study the History of Psychology through a summer study away European tour.
- Participate in a summer clinical practicum experience in Kenya.
- Pursue international research opportunities and focus on areas such as Cambodia, the Philippines, or Lebanon.

Distinct Emphases Woven Throughout Coursework

Systems Approach (Family Psychology)

Based on systems theory, family psychology recognizes the dynamic interaction between persons and environments without detracting from an awareness of individual, intrapsychic issues. Our program incorporates numerous elements from several disciplines within psychology, all of them related by the theoretical understanding of the dynamic, reciprocal relationship between these factors and their impact on human behavior. By the end of the program, you will learn to think systemically and apply systemic analysis to clinical situations.

Integration of Faith/Spirituality Into Clinical Practice (Interdisciplinary Integration)

In keeping with Azusa Pacific’s mission, our program emphasizes the integration of psychology with ethics, theology, and spiritual formation, giving students the opportunity to consider and critically examine psychological theory using ethical and theological frameworks. Individuals from any religious or nonreligious tradition may be admitted to the program, but it is important to recognize that coursework and training are structured using Christian values and principles. The program also facilitates and enhances the development of competency with respect to addressing religious and spiritual diversity in clinical practice.

Diversity

The program has a strong commitment to cultural and individual diversity and is committed to creating an inclusive and positive environment for diverse students and faculty, as well as focusing on serving diverse populations. Diversity competence is interwoven throughout every course, along with specific courses that focus solely on this competency. Additionally, the Psy.D. program sponsors a student-run diversity committee that addresses diversity issues through forums and guest speakers.

Prepare for a Range of Psychology Careers

Graduates of the Psy.D. program engage in many different leadership and clinical roles, including psychotherapy, psychological assessment, clinical research, teaching, consultation, and administration. Our graduates go on to work in mental health clinics, medical settings, VAs, university counseling centers, correctional facilities, and private practice.

Throughout my experience in this program, I loved that I never felt like just another number. My professors put in extra time for me, linked me to opportunities, and helped me network. To this day I still get emails from my previous professors, now colleagues, when an opportunity that reminds them of me comes up. That’s priceless.

Christina Zavalza ’11, M.A. ’14, Psy.D. ’17