Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
at Central Michigan University

Program Focus
Clinical Psychology program faculty members consider the following to be critical for 21st-century clinical psychologists:
• Breadth in the theoretical and empirical underpinnings of psychology
• Breadth and depth in psychological research
• Breadth and depth in assessment and intervention
• Knowledge of the guidelines outlined in the APA Code of Ethics for Psychologists and the Standards for Providers
• Knowledge that encourages socially responsible practice in an increasingly diverse society
• Commitment to lifelong learning

Curriculum
Progress through the program requires full-time study with a course load of approximately 12 credits per semester. A student entering with a bachelor’s degree will complete approximately 108 graduate credits.

The curriculum provides a foundation in the science and practice of Clinical Psychology. Students complete approximately:
• 15 credit hours of didactic training in the basic foundations of psychology;
• 12 credit hours of didactic training in research methodology;
• 30 credit hours of didactic training in clinical psychology;
• 18 credit hours of applied work in the scientific foundations of clinical psychology;
• 24 hours of applied work in the practice of clinical psychology; and
• 9 credit hours of elective coursework.

Selection of Students
Each year the program admits approximately six students who demonstrate promise in academic, clinical, and research training. The expectation is that each student will complete the program.

In addition to criteria such as grades and Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, the admissions committee is attentive to research experience, work experience, and letters of recommendation. Applicant research interests and professional goals are used to match each applicant with a clinical faculty mentor prior to admission.

After an initial screening of submitted materials, the most qualified applicants are invited to an Open House to tour the facilities and meet with clinical faculty.

CMU is an AA/EO institution, providing equal opportunity to all persons, including minorities, females, veterans and individuals with disabilities. See www.cmich.edu/aeoe.


Welcome
Central Michigan University’s Department of Psychology offers a Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology that endorses a scientist-practitioner model and maintains a balance between training in science and practice. This respected program is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA).*

Throughout their academic, clinical, and research experiences, students receive feedback, modeling, and mentoring that foster the integration of current theory, research, and practice. Upon graduation, students are prepared to pursue clinical or research careers.

Financial Support

Financial support for Clinical Psychology graduate students is available through doctoral research fellowships, graduate assistantships, King/Chávez/Parks fellowships, and other funding sources.

Two students are awarded the Doctoral Research Fellowship and receive stipends and 24-credit tuition waivers. Under the guidance of a Clinical Psychology faculty mentor, fellowship recipients are involved in conducting research. This requires approximately 12 hours of work per week.

Students awarded the Graduate Assistantship receive stipends and tuition scholarships. Graduate Assistantship recipients may assist faculty with research, assist faculty with teaching, or independently teach a class.

Full-time assistantships require approximately 20 hours of work per week; half-time assistantships require approximately 10 hours of work per week.

Information on the King/Chávez/Parks Fellowship is available online at: www.grad.cmich.edu/kcp. Information on scholarships and other funding opportunities is available through the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at: www.financialaid.cmich.edu.