

Clinical Psychology PsyD

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

Institutional Mission Reference

The Department of Psychology participates in the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology, awarding the PsyD degree. This program offers graduate students a nationally recognized clinical psychology degree that meets national standards of excellence. Program faculty are committed to quality teaching and the discovery of new knowledge. The PsyD program supports the University's mission of providing advanced graduate education for the Hampton Roads Community and Commonwealth of Virginia.

Institutional Goal(s) Supported

The PsyD Program supports the University goals of (a) quality graduate academic programs, (b) quality teaching, and (c) discovery of new knowledge, and (d) community service. (see pages 3-4 of the University Catalog or pages 8-9 of the Strategic Plan). The PsyD program also supports Strategic Initiative 2 (Excellent Graduate Programs as described in the University Strategic Plan).

Intended Educational (Student) Outcomes, Methods for Assessment, Criteria for Success, Assessment Results, and Use of Results

Intended Outcome 1

Students in the PsyD program will demonstrate knowledge in the basic subjects of psychology and the methods of psychological science.

Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success: 80% of the students will obtain a passing score (70%) on the Comprehensive Examination on their first attempt.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 1: For AY 2000-2001, 100% of the students obtained a passing score (70%) on the Comprehensive Examination on their first attempt.

Intended Outcome 2

Students will demonstrate proficiency delivery and evaluation of psychological services in public and private sectors.

Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: 80% of students will receive a grade of "A" in community based practicum placements (targets public sector delivery of service).

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 2: For AY 2000-2001, 100% of the students received a grade of "A" in their practicum placements.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: Grades assigned by practicum supervisors will be A's or B's for all students.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: Students complete a comprehensive exam that includes clinical content in multiple choice and essay formats; also oral exam of students' assessment and intervention work samples. 80% of the students will pass the clinical sections of the comprehensive exam.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected, Alternate Method for Outcome 2: For AY 2000-2001, 100% of the students passed the clinical section of the comprehensive examination.

Intended Outcome 3

Students demonstrate competency in ethical, legal, and quality assurance principles.

Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success: 80% of the students will pass the ethics section scenarios on the Comprehensive Exam.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 3: For AY 2000-2001, 100% of the students passed the ethics section on the Comprehensive Examination.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success: Students will receive an "A" or a "B" in the Professional/Ethics course (PSYC 970).

Summary of Assessment Data Collected, Alternate Method for Outcome 3: For AY 2000-2001, 100% of the students received an "A" in the Professional/Ethics course (PSYC 970).