

Graduate School Handout

Applying to Grad School

Presentation by Dr. Milton Fuentes to the MSU's Multicultural Psychology Scholars club on applying to graduate school: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DK-7L97NRys&t=2612s>

From APA: <http://www.apa.org/education/grad/applying.aspx>

One Tip for Choosing the Right Graduate Program

http://psychlearningcurve.org/one-tip-for-choosing-the-right-graduate-program/?utm_source=Psych+Learning+Curve&utm_campaign=98304cc153-tip_4_grad_program_8_15_18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ff6044c3a5-98304cc153-219110021

Getting Into Graduate School: Your Roadmap for Success!

http://psychlearningcurve.org/graduate-school-roadmap/?utm_source=Psych+Learning+Curve&utm_campaign=98304cc153-tip_4_grad_program_8_15_18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ff6044c3a5-98304cc153-219110021

About the Psy.D. vs Ph.D.

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/jan00/ed1.html>
<https://www.apa.org/ed/precollege/psn/2016/01/doctoral-degrees>

What is the difference between a clinical psychologist and a counseling psychologist?

http://www.div17.org/students_differences.html

Good Resources

Norcross, J. C., Sayette, M. A. & Mayne, T. J. (released each year).

Insider's guide to graduate programs in clinical and counseling psychology. New York: Guilford Press.

Appleby, D.C., & Appleby, K. M. (2006). Kisses of death in the graduate school application process. *Teaching of Psychology* 33, 19 - 24.

Mitch's Uncensored Advice for Applying to Graduate School in Clinical Psychology

<http://mitch.web.unc.edu/files/2017/02/MitchGradSchoolAdvice.pdf>

What Degree is for Me?

	Characteristics	Rutgers Psy. D.	Ph. D.*
1.	Training	Practice & theory oriented	Research & practice oriented
2.	Coursework	Application & practice oriented	Research & application oriented
3.	Research	Applied/ consumer	Basic and applied
4.	Department culture	Practice-oriented	Research oriented
5.	Skills	Diagnostic Assessment Psychotherapeutic Program development Evaluation, applied research Organizational Intervention	Diagnostic Assessment Psychotherapeutic Basic clinical research
6.	Training Goals:	Practitioner- researcher	Scientist-practitioner
7.	Mentors	Research-based practitioners	Researchers
8.	Career Settings	Community Mental Health Centers organizations- (profit & non-profit) school systems clinics & hospitals self-employment consulting firms colleges/universities, medical schools	Colleges & universities Research agencies Medical schools Clinics & hospitals Self-employment
9.	Minority Emphasis	Practice & research related	Research related
10.	Starting Salaries	TBD	TBD
11.	Qualities for Admissions	Human service interest and/or experience Interpersonal skills Intellectual abilities	Research interest and/or experience Interpersonal skills Intellectual abilities

Adopted from the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP) at Rutgers University. GSAPP provides high quality education for practice. Their research goals are influenced by practice in order to improve practice. They conduct research with a wider range of methods than more purely academic psychology programs or departments. * Rutgers has a clinical Ph.D. program in the Graduate School and a Ph.D. program in Industrial/ Organizational Psychology.

Typical Admission Criteria:

GPA

GRE: General and Psychology

Letters of Recommendation

Personal Statement

Curriculum Vitae

Clinical Experience

Research Experience

Teaching Experience

Extra-curricular Activities (Psychology Club/Psi Chi/MPS)

The 7 “Whats” of a Personal Statement¹

- What happened that you became interested in psychology?
- What did you do about it?
- What is unique about you?
- What do you want to do with a graduate degree?
- What about the particular program interests you?
- What’s the difference....?
- What else?

¹Adapted from: St. Onge, S., Fuentes, M.A., White, K., & Deevakonda, P. (2007, August). *The five “whats” of a personal statement*. Poster session presented at the 115th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Other Ideas

Minor? Double major? Concentration?

Relevant coursework?

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