George Fox University’s PsyD program integrates rigorous coursework, intensive clinical training, meaningful research, and a Christian faith perspective – all within a learning community that is invested in the mentoring and professional instruction of our students. Students earn both their masters and doctorate in clinical psychology.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**Mission Statement**
The mission of the GDCP is to provide excellent education and training for future clinical psychologists who will provide outstanding professional services to their clients and agencies, and demonstrate special expertise when working with clients desiring a spiritual dimension, especially that characteristic of the Christian community.

The PsyD program equips students to work as professionals in:

- Therapy/Counseling
- Consultation
- Psychological assessment
- Test development
- Research
- Teaching in higher education

**Student Outcomes**
George Fox PsyD graduates are successful in many domains of professional practice. Alumni of the PsyD program are licensed in more than 30 states. They are working in a variety of clinical settings, including:

- Group private practice
- University counseling clinics
- Outpatient mental healthcare
- VA hospitals
- Medical hospitals/medical centers
- Correctional facilities
- Government psychologists
- Psychiatric hospitals
- Rehab facilities
- Private practice offices

**National Recognition**
- We are the only Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) member in the Northwest with American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation of its PsyD program – and one of only five such schools in the nation.
- Forbes ranks George Fox among the top Christian colleges in the country.
- U.S. News & World Report classifies George Fox as a first-tier regional university.

**Accreditation**
George Fox University’s Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA).

**location**
For the first four years of the program (excluding the fifth-year internship) students complete coursework in person at our main campus in Newberg, Oregon. The George Fox PsyD program does not offer courses via online or distance learning.

**Application Deadlines**
Early notification deadline: Nov. 15
Final application deadline: Dec. 15

**Doctor of Clinical Psychology at a Glance**

**Location**

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Check out our application requirements and start the online application process. In addition to completing the application, students will also need to submit transcripts and GRE test scores.

[georgefox.edu/psyd/admission](http://georgefox.edu/psyd/admission)

**Graduate admissions:**
psyd@georgefox.edu
Cohort Model
The George Fox Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology is a community-based program. We admit approximately 24 students each year as members of a cohort. George Fox students value our small community environment and rely heavily on one another as they progress through this transformative program together. All core coursework follows a cohort model.

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Program Length
The George Fox PsyD is a five-year, full-time program. Students complete their coursework, practicum and research requirements during the first four years of the program and then take part in an internship during year five.

Schedule
Between classes, clinical practicum, clinical team meetings and research team meetings, George Fox students have a full schedule. Students should anticipate program commitments throughout the week during the day.
- Monday & Tuesday: Clinical/Practicum training
- Wednesday: Clinical and Research Vertical Team meetings on campus
- Thursday & Friday: Classes

Program Elements and Coursework
- Coursework
  - Core courses
  - Faith integration coursework
  - Electives/Emphasis area courses
- Clinical/Practicum training and teams
- Research teams
- Academic benchmarks
  - Scientific Foundations Exam (SFE) for advancement to doctoral candidacy
  - Clinical Intervention and Assessment Exam (CIAE) for advancement to internship
  - Dissertation

Admission Requirements
- Complete a bachelor’s degree at an accredited institution with a grade point average of at least 3.0 for the most recent 60 semester hours of graded work.
- Complete at least 18 semester hours in psychology. Recommended course work includes the following:
  - Introductory psychology
  - Psychological statistics or research methods
  - Personality theory
  - Human development
  - Abnormal psychology
  - Psychological tests and measurements
  - Social psychology

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Admissions Process
1. Complete application file
2. Faculty review process
3. Candidate interviews in February
4. Start date: Coursework begins once each year in August
At George Fox we understand that excellent clinical training and research must be a foundational part of every APA-accredited program training licensed professionals. We also know that our supportive community, emphasis on diversity, and unique integration of the Christian faith set us apart. Our program distinctives include:

**Community Mentoring**
George Fox’s PsyD program places a unique focus on mentoring students. In fact, by the time they graduate, students have had an average of six mentors. These individuals are purposefully built into the framework of our program and can be everything from peer mentors within our community-based cohort model, to clinical training mentors, research mentors, faculty mentors, spiritual mentors or other personal or professional mentors. We know that mentoring is a key factor in student success, both during their graduate program and in their professional career.

**Clinical Training**
As with any PsyD program, we know that excellent clinical training must be at the core of what we do. We believe our clinical teams add an extra layer of support and training. These vertically integrated teams build on the clinical practicum experiences to enhance the clinical skills and professional growth of each student. The mixture of training levels provides a rich training environment in which students learn from each other as well as from the faculty mentor.

**Christian Faith Integration**
A holistic view of mental health includes a spiritual component. At George Fox University, we give explicit training in the relationship between mental health and the Christian faith. A central distinctive of the program is the integration of a Christian worldview and the science of psychology at philosophical, practical and personal levels. Our program offers specialized training in dealing with the psychological aspects of religious or spiritual issues. Of the five APA-accredited PsyD programs that also belong to the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), George Fox is the only one in the Northwest.

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Research Teams
George Fox’s PsyD program has been recognized for having a distinct focus on research. In fact, while George Fox does not have a publishing requirement for students, approximately 80 percent of recently enrolled students presented at professional meetings or were published in professional journals before graduation. In addition to the required research courses, our students participate in Research Vertical Teams (RVTs). These uniquely designed groups place first-year, second-year, third-year, and fourth-year students all on the same team under the direction of a faculty member. Our students learn to mentor one another and to put their research concepts into practice within the context of the groups.

Diversity
The George Fox Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology emphasizes the importance of diversity in our program and in our work with clients and the community. Diversity is woven into each aspect of our program - from the classroom, to colloquia events, clinical experiences, research projects, and student committees. Our desire is that students will gain knowledge regarding the importance of diversity and an attitude of cultural humility and respect when working with people from diverse groups, including specific training in the integration of religion and spirituality within the practice of professional psychology.