

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Kansas City University / COLLEGE OF BIOSCIENCES



EYE ON THE FUTURE

Kansas City University is dedicated to high-quality, competency-based clinical psychology education. The KCU PsyD program prepares students for a constantly evolving world. To this end, the KCU PsyD program provides students with unique studies designed with an eye on the future of mental and behavioral health care.

Integrated Health Care

- Opportunities for psychology, dental medicine & osteopathic medical students to learn about, from and with each other, fostering effective collaboration to improve health outcomes

Diverse Populations

- A diversity course series spans the second year of study, developing the cultural humility necessary for competent practice
- Geropsychology courses provide the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for competent practice with older adults

Simulation

- Simulated patient encounters provide hands-on experience, enhancing skills for more effective practice

ADMISSIONS AT-A-GLANCE

- Complete undergraduate degree
- 3.0 minimum GPA
- GRE score
- 18 semester hours of prerequisite coursework in psychology with a grade of C or better, including:
 - Introduction to General Psychology
 - Human Growth & Development or Personality Theory
 - Statistics or Tests and Measurements
- Motivation for and commitment to mental health care as demonstrated on your Resume/CV
- Complete application with supporting documents
- Interview

WHAT SETS KCU APART

Unique Medical School Synergies

A focus on interprofessional education with students from KCU's College of Osteopathic Medicine prepares PsyD students for work in partnership with physicians to help patients with the psychological components of their physical illness.

PsyD VERSUS PhD

The PsyD (Doctor of Psychology) is a professional graduate degree (similar to the DO or MD in medicine, or a JD in law). Programs conferring the PsyD degree focus heavily on the application of psychological science to provide a clinical service to patients.

Alternatively, many professional psychology programs award the PhD degree—especially those in university academic departments—these programs typically present a greater emphasis on producing new knowledge and engaging in research.

Visit kansascity.edu/admissions
for full requirements.



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STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO CREATES
MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

5 YEARS

OF STUDY PROVIDES EVERYTHING FROM FOUNDATIONAL
KNOWLEDGE TO HANDS-ON TRAINING IN PATIENT CARE

19%

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH FOR
PSYCHOLOGISTS EXPECTED BY 2024*
*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

CORE COMPETENCIES

Through the PsyD program's sequential, cumulative, and graded curriculum, students gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to practice as highly competent, caring, patient-focused clinical psychologists.

Throughout the five-year program, students are exposed to a broad base of discipline-specific knowledge and receive training in the following profession-wide competencies:

- + Research
- + Ethical & legal standards
- + Individual & cultural diversity
- + Professional values, attitudes & behaviors
- + Assessment, communication & interpersonal skills
- + Intervention
- + Supervision
- + Consultation & interprofessional/interdisciplinary skills

PRACTICUM SITES

A practicum experience consists of supervised, experiential activities that occur off campus in health service settings and supplement and integrate students' didactic learning with practical experience.

At KCU, the practicum experience allows students to develop and demonstrate the necessary competencies to prepare for internship. Practicums are part-time, off-campus commitments that typically average 20 hours per week, and last between 9-12 months. Practicum is treated like an academic course, for which you must register. KCU currently has primary practicum sites with:

Ability KC • **Center for Behavioral Medicine**
Children's Mercy Neuropsychology • **Clinical Associates**
Compass Health Network – Raymore
Compass Health Network – Royal Oaks Hospital
Enso Therapy Group • **Federal Bureau of Prisons – Leavenworth**
Health Partnership Clinic • **Kansas City Art Institute (KCAI)**
Kansas City Center for Anxiety Treatment
Kansas City Veterans Administration (KCVA) • **KidsTLC**
Midtown Psychological Services • **NKC Schools**
Northland Behavioral Health & Wellness
Northwest Missouri Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center
Osawatomie State Hospital • **Rizk Assessment & Psychological Services**
Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center
Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center – Blue Springs School District
St. Luke's Hospital Crittenton Children's Center
St. Luke's Neuropsychology • **Synergy Services**
The Guidance Center • **UMKC Counseling Services**
University of Kansas Neuropsychology • **White Oaks Psychiatry**
William Jewell College of Counseling Services

COSTS

- **Tuition (2022-2023): \$35,420**
- **Books and Supplies: \$2,020**
- **Student Activity Fee: \$70**
- **Technology Fee: \$150**

SCHOLARSHIPS & AID

KCU offers a variety of scholarship opportunities for PsyD students.

View a full listing of scholarships and financial aid services at kansascity.edu/financialaid.

KANSAS CITY CAMPUS

Schedule your campus visit at kansascity.edu/visit.

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For virtual tours, go to kansascity.edu/VTKC.

KCU is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The KCU PsyD program is accredited on contingency by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association as of April 11, 2021. A program that is accredited on contingency is an APA-accredited program. The program is accredited on contingency through the following date: May 1, 2024. The program will apply for full accreditation during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Questions related to the program's accredited status should be directed to the Commission on Accreditation:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
American Psychological Association
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Washington, DC 20002

Phone: (202) 336-5979
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Website: apa.org/ed/accreditation

ABOUT KCU

Kansas City University was founded in 1916 as one of the nation's five original osteopathic medical schools. Today, KCU is a fully accredited, private, not-for-profit health sciences university strategically located on two campus locations – Kansas City and Joplin, Missouri – to address the growing health needs of both urban and rural populations.

KCU's Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Biosciences and Dental Medicine offer graduate degree programs in osteopathic medicine, clinical psychology, biomedical sciences, dental medicine as well as multiple dual-degree opportunities.

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