FAQS - MASTERS PROGRAM

How do I apply?
Please review the admission requirements at:
https://www.loyola.edu/academics/psychology/admission/requirements

You can access the online application at grad.loyola.edu/apply. Create an account and then proceed to completing the application. Once you submit the application you will be able to view your application document checklist. If you have questions please contact Graduate Admission at 410-617-5020.

How many applications do you receive and how many are accepted?
The Department receives and reviews approximately 150 applications for the CPC program. The program offers interviews to about 2/3 of the applicants and about 90% of those interviewed are offered admission.

What is the class size?
The program looks to bring in a cohort of 35 CPC students each year.

What is the deadline for admission?
This program has a fall start only. January 15th is the priority deadline for early decision and scholarship consideration. Applications are review after this date on a space available basis. It is recommended that applicants apply by the priority January 15 date.

What is the average GPA of admitted students?
The program requires a minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA. The average undergraduate GPA for those applicants who are offered admission is 3.52.
What is the average GRE score of admitted students?

The program does not have a cut-off for GRE scores. The average for applicants who are offered admission are as follows: Verbal 152; Quantitative 149; Writing 4.0.

What is the most important part of the application?

The committee uses a holistic approach in reviewing applications and makes a decision considering all admission documents.

Is an interview part of the admission process?

Yes. Interviews are extended by invitation after applications are reviewed. The interview day is a half day process which includes a group interview with faculty and meeting with current students.

Do you offer financial assistance?

The program offers scholarships each year. All applicants are considered for funding and no separate application is required for the department’s scholarships. Students have the option to apply for graduate assistantships. For more information go to-

https://www.loyola.edu/department/hr/student-employment/graduate-assistantships

How is the structure of the program?

The program features a full-time, 60 credit structure and 600 hours of supervised field experience, completed over two years and four months.
I do not have a bachelor’s degree in psychology, can I still apply?

Yes, but you will need to take some prerequisites. Please see the required courses here and below. The courses can be complete online or in person and you must receive a B or better in the course.

Are there any prerequisites for the program?

All students must demonstrate competency in the content areas of general psychology. Students whose bachelor’s degree is in a field other than psychology must have completed coursework in the following areas: introductory psychology, psychopathology, and research methods OR statistics in a social science. These courses do not have to be completed prior to applying, but would have to be completed prior to starting courses in the fall semester of entry into the program. These courses can be completed at any accredited institution including community colleges.

How many transfer credits will the program take? How can I find out which ones they will take?

Because the program is a full-time, cohort, flat-rate tuition-based program, they will not accept transfer credits.

What is the cost of the program?

The tuition for 2018-19 is $24,000.

Are there any scholarships available?

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Am I able to work while pursuing this program?

Students can work, though they will need to be sure their work schedule can shift around course times. There will be variability in available time from semester to semester.

Are any courses offered online?

Not at this time.

What days/times do classes meet?

Right now classes are offered Monday through Thursday. Most classes meet in the afternoon through evening.

Where are classes offered?

All courses are offered at the Baltimore campus located at 4501 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

I want to work with a specific population, will I be able to specialize in the program?

Students can choose to work with a specific population in a specific area during the externship.
How does the externship work? Will I be placed and can I use my current work location as my site?

Loyola has relationships with a large network of placements in the Baltimore area. Students will be provided with a list of approved sites and will ultimately choose which sites they will apply to. There are guidelines in place regarding the externships and students will work with the Director of Masters Field Education to secure a placement. The short answer, is no, students cannot complete externship hours at their current place of employment but specific cases should be discussed with the director early in the process in order to be considered.

How do students complete the 600 hours of supervised field work?

Students will work at off-site placements. The hours are comprised of direct face-to-face hours, supervision and other professional tasks.

What can I do professionally once I graduate?

This program’s main focus is masters-level licensure (LCPC/Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor) in the state of Maryland.

Will I be a Licensed Clinical Professional Counseling after graduating?

Once students have completed the 60 credit program, they will need to apply to take both the national and state level licensing exams in order to obtain their LGPC (Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor) and complete the additional required clinical hours under supervision.

How do I obtain licensure?

See above.
If I am licensed in Maryland, will I be able to practice in other states?

Loyola’s program is aligned with many other states’ requirements. If you plan to move out of state after graduation it is important to learn that particular state’s licensure requirements early in your training so that you can tailor your experience, if necessary. Most licensure boards will require a student take the state law exam because legal requirements vary from state to state.

What are the requirements to pursue licensure after I graduate?

In the state of Maryland, 60 credits in specified course content areas and 3,000 supervised training hours (2,000+ occur post-graduation). Always check the Maryland licensure board (or other state) website to keep up to date with policy changes.

https://health.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/profcounselor.aspx

What specializations do the professors have?

The interests of the faculty in the Department range from working with children, romantic relationships, parenting, trauma, sleep, etc. To see specific areas of interest, please visit the faculty pages on the Department’s website:

https://www.loyola.edu/academics/psychology/faculty