

UNCW PhD Program in General Clinical Psychology

Consumer Disclosure Information Educational Requirements for Licensure in Psychology

The General Clinical Psychology PhD Program at University of North Carolina Wilmington (referred to as “our Program”) makes every effort to provide education that is compliant with national standards and to prepare students to practice clinical psychology. As recognition of our compliance with national standards, our Program is accredited, on contingency by the American Psychological Association¹. We will submit an application for full accreditation in 2024. Our program is considered to be APA Accredited.

The practice of psychology, however, is regulated at the state level. State licensing authorities, commonly referred to as “State Boards,” determine the specific educational and training requirements for licensure in their State. Many States require post-doctoral training as well as examinations beyond educational and training requirements. As such, a PhD degree from our Program in General Clinical Psychology is not sufficient, in and of itself, to meet licensure requirements in most states.

If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in the state for which you are seeking licensure or certification to obtain information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program. Given that State requirements for licensure or certification vary and may change over time it is also strongly recommended that you review licensing or certification requirements as you get closer to seeking licensure or certification. You are encouraged to review the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards’ online tool, PsyBook (<https://www.asppb.net/page/psybook>), which summarizes requirements for most states and territories. You are also encouraged to directly confirm state licensing requirements directly with the state they are interested in seeking licensure or certification.

University of North Carolina Wilmington, to the best of its ability, determined that the curriculum offered by our Program meets – or does **not** meet – the educational requirements for licensure or certification to practice psychology in each of the States listed in Table 1. For States in which the Program’s educational offerings do not meet a specific State’s requirements for licensure or certification, students may be required to obtain alternate, different, or more courses, or more experiential or clinical hours required. These findings are accurate, to the best of our ability, as of June 30, 2023.

¹ For further information about APA accreditation or specific information about the accreditation status of our PhD program, please contact Jacqueline Remondet Wall, PhD Director, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation American Psychological Association 750 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20002-4242 202-336-5979, <http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation>.

Table 1

For more information on licensing requirements, including contact information for every state and territory licensing board, please see the Association of State Boards of Professional Psychology (ASBPP) webpage https://www.asppb.net/				
In the table below, an asterisk (*) indicates that earning a doctoral degree from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) is deemed to meet the educational requirements for licensure in that State. The General Clinical Psychology PhD Program at University of North Carolina Wilmington is accredited by APA (accredited, on contingency April 2021, expiring April 2026; see: http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation). Please note that this table does not include an evaluation of state-specific requirements beyond that of educational or curricular requirements.				
	UNCW Program Satisfies Curricular Requirements?			
State	Yes	No	Unable to Determine	State Professional Association or License Authority and Notes
1. Alabama	X*			http://www.psychology.alabama.gov/default.aspx
2. Alaska	X*			https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPsychologists.aspx
3. Arizona	X*			https://psychboard.az.gov/
4. Arkansas	X*			https://psychologyboard.arkansas.gov/
5. California		X		https://www.psychology.ca.gov/ Although a doctoral degree from an accredited program is needed, additional pre-licensure continuing education coursework or experience beyond what is typically offered at UNCW in the following areas are also required: Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention, Human Sexuality, Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting, Spousal or Partner Abuse, Aging and Long-Term Care
6. Colorado	X*			https://dpo.colorado.gov/Psychology
7. Connecticut	X*			https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists/Board-of-Examiners-of-Psychologists
8. District of Columbia	X*			https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/psychology-licensing
9. Delaware	X*			https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/psychology/
10. Florida	X*			https://floridaspsychology.gov/
11. Georgia	X			https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/44
12. Hawaii	X*			http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/psychology/
13. Idaho	X*			https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PSY
14. Illinois	X*			https://www.idfpr.com/profs/psych.asp
15. Indiana	X*			https://www.in.gov/pla/psych.htm
16. Iowa	X*			https://www.idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Psychology
17. Kansas	X*			https://ksbsrb.ks.gov/
18. Kentucky	X			http://psy.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx UNCW meets requirements, but unclear if just being *APA accredited meets; awaiting clarification
19. Louisiana	X			http://www.lsbep.org/ UNCW meets requirements, but unclear if just being *APA accredited meets; awaiting clarification
20. Maine	X*			https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/psychologists/

21. Maryland	X*			https://health.maryland.gov/psych/Pages/Home.aspx
22. Massachusetts	X*			https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-psychologists
23. Michigan	X*			https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27552---,00.html Although a doctoral degree from an accredited program like University of Tulsa is needed, additional pre-licensure training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meets standards of Administrative Rule 338.2525 (as of 4/1/22) is required
24. Minnesota	X*			http://www.psychologyboard.state.mn.us/
25. Mississippi	X*			https://www.psychologyboard.ms.gov/Pages/default.aspx
26. Missouri	X*			https://pr.mo.gov/psychologists.asp
27. Montana	X*			http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/psy
28. Nebraska	X*			http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx
29. Nevada	X*			http://psyexam.nv.gov/
30. New Hampshire	X*			https://www.oplc.nh.gov/psychologists/
31. New Jersey	X*			https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/psy/ In addition to a doctoral degree from an APA accredited program like the General Clinical Psychology PhD Program at UNCW, New Jersey requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas that are not typically offered at UNCW · Six (6) semester credits in Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology; (our program offers 3) · Six (6) semester credits in Psychopathology; (our program offers 3, and PSY 651 Substance Use Strategies may fulfill this) · Six (6) semester credits in Psychological therapy/counseling or Industrial/Organizational Psychology; (our program offers 5)
32. New Mexico	X*			http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Psychologist_Examiners.aspx
33. New York		X		http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/psych/ In addition to a doctoral degree from a program like the Clinical Psychology PhD Program at UNCW, New York requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas (Note: 3 UNCW semester credits x 1.5 = 4.5 quarter credits) · Five (5) quarter credits in biological bases of behavior (4.5 at UNCW) · Five (5) quarter credits in cognitive-affective bases of behavior (no dedicated course/integrated across curriculum) · Five (5) quarter credits in social bases of behavior (4.5 at UNCW) · Five (5) quarter credits in individual differences (4.5 at UNCW; PSY 652 Substance Use Treatment strategies <u>may</u> be considered) · Five (5) quarter credits in psychometrics (6 at UNCW) · Five (5) quarter credits in history and systems of psychology (1.5 at UNCW) · Five (5) quarter credits in research design, methodology, and statistics (13.5 at UNCW)
34. North Carolina	X*			http://www.ncpsychologyboard.org/
35. North Dakota	X*			http://ndsbpce.org/index.html
36. Ohio	X*			https://psychology.ohio.gov/
37. Oklahoma	X*			https://www.ok.gov/psychology/ In addition to a doctoral degree from an APA accredited program like the Clinical Psychology PhD Program at UNCW, Oklahoma requires the following breakdown of credits and topic areas: · Three (3) semester credits in Scientific and professional ethics and standards; (UNCW has 3) · Three (3) semester credits in Research design and methodology (UNCW has 3) · Three (3) semester credits in Statistics and psychometrics (UNCW has 6) · Three (3) semester credits in Biological bases of behavior (UNCW has 3)

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Three (3) semester credits in Cognitive-affective bases of behavior (UNCW has no dedicated course-it is infused across the curriculum) · Three (3) semester credits in Social bases of behavior (UNCW has 3) · Three (3) semester credits in Individual bases of behavior (UNCW has 3)
38. Oregon	X*			https://www.oregon.gov/psychology/pages/index.aspx
39. Pennsylvania	X*			https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx#.VgG6GN9VhBc
40. Rhode Island	X*			https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=241
41. South Carolina	X*			https://llr.sc.gov/psych/
42. South Dakota	X*			https://dss.sd.gov/licensingboards/psych/psych.aspx
43. Tennessee	X*			https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/psychology-board/psych-board/about.html
44. Texas	X			http://www.tsbep.texas.gov/index.php
45. Utah	X*			https://dopl.utah.gov/psych/index.html
46. Vermont	X*			https://sos.vermont.gov/
47. Virginia	X*			http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/psychology/
48. Washington	X*			https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Psychologist.aspx
49. West Virginia	X			https://psychbd.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx
50. Wisconsin	X			https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/Psychologist/Default.aspx
51. Wyoming	X*			https://psychology.wyo.gov/
52. American Samoa			X	https://www.americansamoa.gov/
53. Guam			X	http://dphss.guam.gov/guam-board-of-allied-health-examiners/
54. Northern Mariana Islands			X	http://cnmibpl-hcplb.net/
55. Puerto Rico			X	http://www.salud.gov.pr/Dept-de-Salud/Pages/Unidades-Operacionales/Secretaria-Auxiliar-de-Reglamentacion-Acreditacion-de-Facilidades-de-Salud.aspx#conveniencia
56. XUS Virgin Islands			X	http://usvipsychologyboard.com/