MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

Lynn University offers students an environment focused on the enhancement of educational goals and practical application of knowledge in preparation for lifelong learning. In keeping with the university's mission, the master's degree in Applied Psychology provides students with the training and necessary course work to pursue professional and educational goals in the fields of psychology and counseling. The primary objective of this program is to inform students' of the principles and techniques of psychological research and counseling in the hopes of preparing them for careers within the field of psychology.

This program offers a general track and a counseling track toward completion of the master's degree. Students interested in the general graduate program can enroll in the M.S. in Applied Psychology and through intensive research, thesis and fieldwork experience become specialists in their desired non-clinical field.

Students interested in the counseling graduate program can enroll in the M.S. in Applied Psychology and satisfy all the academic requirements for licensure as a mental health counselor in the state of Florida during a graduate program. The required course work in intensive research, thesis and clinical fieldwork will allow these students to become skilled as mental health counselors as well as become specialists in their particular area of research.

M.S. Degree in Applied Psychology Completion Requirements:

- 1. Students must complete the required course curriculum based upon their chosen track. Satisfactory completion of these courses must be in compliance with University Academic Standards for Graduate Work as well as Program Competency Standards. (See Statement of Competence.)
- 2. Students must satisfactorily complete the experiential components of their curriculum based upon their selected track.
- Students must complete a scholarly research thesis (general track students) or satisfactorily complete a standardized exit exam (counseling track students) commensurate with all program expectations and policies. No graduate degree will be conferred without the satisfactory completion of these final assessments.

STATEMENT OF COMPETENCE: In graduate work, the grade earned in a course not only represents a grade but is also a symbol of mastery of the work and competence in the field. It is for this reason that the Program of Psychology has instituted a competence requirement for satisfactory completion of a course. This requirement is stated as achieving a grade consistent with knowledge at the 80 percent threshold (on a 100 percent scale) or higher in a course. Students who do not achieve this level of mastery are considered to be lacking in the necessary competency for this course and are required to retake the course until they can document appropriate competence (defined as at least a grade of 80 percent).

CURRICULUM

M.S. IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY COURSES: GENERAL TRACK FALL			
PSY 500 PSY 540 PSY 640 PSY 620	PERSONALITY THEORIES RESEARCH AND PROGRAM EVALUATION IN COUNSELING AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY TESTING AND ASSESSMENT IN COUNSELING AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	3 3 3 3	
SPRING			
PSY 520 PSY 560 PSY 690 PSY 580	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN COUNSELING PSYCHOBIOLOGY	3 3 3 3	
SUMMER			
PSY 600 PSY 688 PSY 685 PSY 699	THESIS CLASS SEMINAR IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY CAREER AND LIFESTYLE ASSESSMENT PRACTICUM IN PSYCHOLOGY	3 3 3 3	
M.S. IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY COURSES: COUNSELING TRACK			
YEAR 1 - FALL			
PSY 500 PSY 540 PSY 640 PSY 620	PERSONALITY THEORIES RESEARCH AND PROGRAM EVALUATION IN COUNSELING AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY TESTING AND ASSESSMENT IN COUSELING AND APPLIED PYSCHOLOGY	3 3 3 3	
YEAR 1 - SPRING			
PSY 520 PSY 560 PSY 690	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN COUNSELING-	3 3 3	

PSY 610	COUNSELING THEORIES AND PRACTICE	3
YEAR 1 - SUMMER		
PSY 615 PSY 680 PSY 685	GROUP THEORIES AND PRACTICE TECHNIQUES AND INTERVENTIONS IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY CAREER AND LIFESTYLE ASSESSMENT	3 3 3
YEAR 2 - FALL		
PSY 605 PSY 681 PSY 660	PRACTICUM IN COUNSELING ADVANCED PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND INTERVENTIONS PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS	3 3 3
YEAR 2 - SPRING		
PSY 688 PSY 695 PSY 580	SEMINAR IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM IN COUNSELING II PSYCHOBIOLOGY	3 3 3
YEAR 2 - SUMMER		
PSY 700 PSY 670 PSY 650	INTERNSHIP IN COUNSELING SUBSTANCE ABUSE HUMAN SEXUALITY	3 3 3

Note: Sequencing of courses is subject to change based upon program scheduling.

Outcomes

Through the implementation of a master's program in Applied Psychology, Lynn University will provide students with opportunities for enhanced learning experiences and additional prospects for career advancement. Students will become knowledgeable in the dynamics of the field of applied psychology and become experts in their area of concentration. Higher education possibilities as well as superior status in occupational endeavors are expected for graduates of this program. Students completing the counseling track will be academically eligible to sit for the Florida Licensure exam as a mental health counselor upon satisfaction of other licensing requirements.

Master's Thesis

Students enrolled in the master's program in Applied Psychology are expected to demonstrate knowledge of theory, research and practice through an integrated assessment. This assessment will act as an evaluative tool on the student's competency in the domains of theory, research and skills application. Students must attain the expected level of competence in their thesis project in order to graduate from the degree program.

Students will enroll in PSY 540 Research and Program Evaluation in Applied Psychology their first semester in the program. Students will write a proposal for their thesis project due by the completion of this course. This proposal will be the foundation for the research project they will participate in during the spring semester of their first year.

Students (in the general track) will enroll in PSY 600 Thesis Project: Statistical Analysis and Applications during their second year in the program. Upon completion of this course, students will complete the thesis research project and defend their work to their course professor, cohort peers and program lab faculty.

Students, who select into the counseling track and receive program permission to pursue this track, will be required to demonstrate competence in all aspects of the field by passing the Counseling Exit Exam. Parameters for the Exam will be provided to students at the beginning of their program. Students will be able to retake the Exam a maximum of two times if competency is not met on the first administration of the Exam. The Counseling Exit Exam will be given in the spring of the student's second year of graduate work.