

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 academic requirements for licensure as a mental health counselor in the state of Florida during a graduate program. The required course work and clinical fieldwork will allow these students to become skilled as mental health counselors. 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.
3. 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.

Students in the Counseling Track may have the ability to become licensed as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the State of Florida. Students interested in pursuing licensure or post graduate employment are responsible for researching the specific requirements to attain these outcomes. As employment requirements and licensing requirements may change, it is incumbent upon the student to be aware of their specific academic needs.

In the State of Florida, the current requirements and process for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor:

1. Students must graduate with a 60 – credit Master's degree which includes 1,000 hours of fieldwork at an approved site.
2. Upon graduation, students register as a Mental Health Intern with the State of Florida. This is post-Master's and must be completed by the Student. Part of this process includes verification of practicum and internship hours through a letter generated by the Registrar's Office at the university.
3. Students may need copies of their syllabi or course descriptions from the Academic Catalog. This may be true when attempting to become licensed in other states as well.
4. In the State of Florida, once students are Registered Mental Health Interns, they must complete a minimum of two years post graduate work under appropriate supervision. Students must check with the Licensing Board for details and specifics on these requirements.
5. During this two year post-Master's clinical experience, students will have the opportunity to sit for the state approved licensing exam.
6. Upon successful completion of all licensing requirements, students may be approved by the State Board and offered a license as a Mental Health Counselor.

The title, requirements and procedures in other states may differ from Florida and students need to explore this information prior to beginning their academic preparation.

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

36 CREDITS

FALL

___ PSY 500	PERSONALITY THEORIES	3
___ PSY 540	RESEARCH AND PROGRAM EVALUATION IN COUNSELING AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	3
___ PSY 640	SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY	3
___ PSY 620	TESTING AND ASSESSMENT IN COUNSELING AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	3

SPRING

___ PSY 520	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
___ PSY 560	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
___ PSY 690	LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN COUNSELING	3
___ PSY 580	PSYCHOBIOLOGY	3

SUMMER

__ PSY 688	SEMINAR IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	3
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__ PSY 685	CAREER AND LIFESTYLE ASSESSMENT	3
__ PSY 699	PRACTICUM IN PSYCHOLOGY	3

M.S. IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY COURSES: COUNSELING TRACK**60 CREDITS****YEAR 1 – FALL**

__ PSY 500	PERSONALITY THEORIES	3
__ PSY 540	RESEARCH AND PROGRAM EVALUATION IN COUNSELING AND APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	3
__ PSY 640	SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY	3
__ PSY 620	TESTING AND ASSESSMENT IN COUSELING AND APPLIED PYSCHOLOGY	3

YEAR 1 – SPRING

__ PSY 520	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	3
__ PSY 560	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
__ PSY 690	LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN COUNSELING-	3
__ PSY 610	COUNSELING THEORIES AND PRACTICE	3

YEAR 1 – SUMMER

__ PSY 615	GROUP THEORIES AND PRACTICE	3
__ PSY 680	TECHNIQUES AND INTERVENTIONS IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	3
__ PSY 685	CAREER AND LIFESTYLE ASSESSMENT	3

YEAR 2 – FALL

__ PSY 605	PRACTICUM IN COUNSELING	3
__ PSY 681	ADVANCED PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND INTERVENTIONS	3
__ PSY 660	PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS	3

YEAR 2 –JTERM

__ PSY 695	PRACTICUM IN COUNSELING II	1
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YEAR 2 – SPRING

__ PSY 688	SEMINAR IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	3
__ PSY 695	PRACTICUM IN COUNSELING II	2
__ PSY 580	PSYCHOBIOLOGY	3

YEAR 2 – SUMMER

__ PSY 700	INTERNSHIP IN COUNSELING	3
__ PSY 670	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	3
__ PSY 650	HUMAN SEXUALITY	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 and/or Exit Exam**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.

Exit Exam

Students, who select 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.