

# TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PSYCHOLOGY (PhD) COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION

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Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Counseling Psychology Program. We are very proud of the training that we offer our students.

We offer doctoral level training under a Scientist-Professional training model to prepare individuals for careers as psychologists in mental health settings and other institutions involved in the direct application of counseling, consulting, supervision, and teaching in higher education. We emphasize the development of skills to utilize and develop the science of psychology within the broad scope of the practice of counseling psychology as a professional discipline. The concentration is designed The Ph.D. requires the equivalent of approximately four (4) years of full-time study beyond the Master's degree, including a dissertation and an internship which may require relocation from the Nashville area.

All students entering the program **MUST**:

- ☐ hold a Master's degree in counseling or a related area received **prior to June 1** of the year of admission to the PhD program
- ☐ have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or better on last completed degree
- ☐ score 1000 on the Graduate Record Examination (V+ Q) or 44 on the Millers' Analogy Test (MAT). The GRE is preferred. Only on rare exception will students who score less than a 1000 on the GRE be considered for admission.
- ☐ In addition, international applicants who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of the United must score 500 or better on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) to provide evidence of proficiency in English; evidence of financial resources sufficient to provide tuition and fees for the academic year; copies of Visa or Alien Registration card; certificate from qualified medical authority verifying freedom from tuberculosis within thirty (30) days from the first day of classes.

There are a number of procedures which must be completed if you wish to apply. In order to expedite the admissions process, we ask that you submit your materials including official transcripts of undergraduate and graduate work in a single application packet.

1. Please enclose **2 copies of all of the following:**

- A. Application to the Graduate School (available on-line through the Graduate School Web page at [www.tnstate.edu/grad/forms.htm](http://www.tnstate.edu/grad/forms.htm) and also available in the back of the Graduate Catalog, itself)
- B. Three letters of reference (Please provide each referee with the Graduate School form available on-line through the Graduate School Web page [www.tnstate.edu/grad/forms.htm](http://www.tnstate.edu/grad/forms.htm) and also in the back of the Graduate Catalog, itself) and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Enclose the completed letters in your application packet with the seals unbroken)
- C. Assistantship Application, if desired (available at [www.tnstate.edu/grad/forms.htm](http://www.tnstate.edu/grad/forms.htm))
- D. Undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- E. Attached Supplemental Application to the Counseling Psychology Program
- F. Attached Professional Psychology Curriculum Vita (see the Chronicle of Higher Education for an example: <http://chronicle.com/article/The-CV-Doctor-CV-For-a-New/45418/>).
- G. Recent Work Sample Copy dealing with some facet of psychology such as a reprint of a publication, a scholarly paper written for a graduate class, an evaluation or assessment completed in the work environment.

II. Include the Application Fee

III. Submit an OFFICIAL copy of your GRE or MAT scores directly to the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

Unofficial copies will not be accepted by the Graduate School but may be forwarded to the Counseling Psychology Training Coordinator prior to the official reporting to the Graduate School. **Please note, if your scores are NOT received by the time of application review, you will not be considered for admission.**

III. If you are an international applicant, have your TOEFL scores and other supporting documentation submitted directly to the School of Graduate Studies and Research and send an unofficial copy to the Program Coordinator.

III. Return all admissions materials with the exception of the GRE and TOEFL scores in **ONE** envelope **not later than December 1** directly to:

Tennessee State University  
The School of Graduate Studies and Research  
ATTN: COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY DOCTORAL CONCENTRATION ADMISSIONS  
3500 John A. Merritt Blvd.

Nashville, TN 37209-1561

Upon review of written materials, approximately 20 applicants are invited to campus to attend a full-day pre-admission interview with the faculty and the student body in February. In early March, approximately eight applicants will be offered admission for the upcoming academic year. In keeping with APA guidelines, applicants will have until April 15<sup>th</sup> to notify the program of their decision.

Again, thank you for your interest in Counseling Psychology at TSU. If you have specific questions about the program, please feel free to contact the Program Coordinator directly at [mhammond1@tnstate.edu](mailto:mhammond1@tnstate.edu) or (615) 963-5191.

Sincerely,

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