

Admission and Application Processes: Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)

A. Admissions

Enrollment is limited, and admission is offered only to the most qualified applicants. Admitted students typically have these qualifications:

1. Earned Bachelor's, Master's, or Specialist degree in psychology, clinical psychology, school psychology, or a closely related discipline;
2. GPA of 3.4 or higher, and
3. Score of 300 or higher on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), with a minimum score of 3.5 in Analytical Writing, and
4. Research evidence/potential (publication, thesis, formal research project, participation in research).
5. Application to the program requires the general test of the GRE.

B. Application Requirements

Applicants must apply for admission to both the PsyD program and to the University of Houston – Clear Lake through ApplyTexas.org.

Applicants must submit the documents described below through ApplyTexas.org.

PsyD Application Requirements

1. A completed application form
2. A current curriculum vitae
3. A Statement of Purpose that provides the applicant's reasons for pursuing this degree and how it fits into his or her career goals. The Statement of Purpose (not to exceed **2 pages**, single spaced) includes the following:
 - Research and clinical/school psychology experience and interests
 - Other relevant experiences (i.e., volunteer)
 - Post-graduation professional goals
 - A list of program faculty with whom the applicant would like to work and why
4. Three (3) Recommendations for Applicant Admission. Each writer must complete the recommendation form and submit a separate letter. Writers should email their recommendation letters to PsyD@uhcl.edu.

5. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended (**except University of Houston-Clear Lake transcripts, which will be generated internally**). These transcripts are **in addition to** the official transcripts sent directly to the university Admissions office.

6. Scores on the general test of the GRE and TOEFL (if required). Official scores are reported to the university through the standard reporting processes of the respective testing services. The applicant must enter scores into the program application form as indicated.

7. There is a \$50 program application fee. This is in *addition to* the fee paid for admission to the university. Please make checks payable to UHCL and mail, along with the name of the program applicant, to:

Health Services Psychology
2700 Bay Area Blvd, Box 73
Houston, TX 77058

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

BESIDES RECOMMENDATION LETTERS, ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE (ApplyTexas.org)

For recommendation letters, please have each writer complete the recommendation form (found online), with a corresponding recommendation letter. Please have each writer submit both the form and the letter to psyd@uhcl.edu.

C. Application for Admission to the University of Houston-Clear Lake

Applicants are advised to complete a university Application for Admission and submit it and all required fees and documents to the UHCL Admissions Office before beginning the program application. There is an application fee for university admissions. Online admissions instructions and information may be found through the Graduate Admissions link on the university's website. Admissions information may also be requested directly from the UHCL Admissions office. International students are advised to consult the relevant web pages and/or contact International Admissions in the Admissions Office as early as possible for information specific to international applicants. For further information regarding university admission contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@uhcl.edu. For international applicants, admission to the university requires admission through both the academic program and the Office of International Admissions and Programs.

Note: Admission to graduate status at the university **is not** equivalent to admission to the PsyD program. In some cases, applicants may be notified of university admission by the Advising Office, College of Human Sciences and Humanities or international admissions through the International Admissions Office; any such communication refers

only to acceptance into graduate status at the university based on the application for university admission. *This should not be confused with acceptance to the PsyD program.* Applicants are not admitted to the PsyD program until they receive formal notice from the program director.

C. Timeframe for Program Application and the Admissions Process.

Applications for fall are now being accepted; the deadline for submission is December 15. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his or her application is complete. Applicants can check on their program application status by emailing psyd@uhcl.edu.

After initial review of the application materials, an admissions committee will invite selected applicants to campus for an interview. Interviews will be scheduled for February. Applicants will be notified of their program admission status by April 15.

Checklist for Applying to the University of Houston-Clear Lake and the PsyD Program

Please complete all of the following steps:

1. Complete the admission process for admission to the University of Houston – Clear Lake.
2. Complete the admission process for admission to the PsyD program via ApplyTexas.org.
3. Have three (3) letters of recommendation with recommendation forms submitted to psyd@uhcl.edu.

Please direct any questions regarding the program to psyd@uhcl.edu.

After sending in your application materials, please check your email frequently for updates on the status of your application. If you have any questions about your application, please contact the Administrative Assistant at psyd@uhcl.edu or 281-283-3491.